



Inspection Report

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2.31(c)(3)

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

The June 24th 2021 semi-annual report and program review had not been submitted to the Institutional official (IO) and the following required aspects were missing from the reports:

- The signatures of the majority of the IACUC members.
- A description of the nature and extent of the facility's adherence to the Animal Welfare Act.
- The distinction of significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies in the program review.
- A specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency in the program review.
- Any minority views or a statement that there were no minority views.

The semi-annual evaluation report to the IO is an important document that updates the IO on the status of the facility's animal care and use program and allows the IO to know when to intervene to ensure that the facility meets the federal guidelines. The semi-annual evaluation report needs to be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and needs to include any minority views. The reports must contain a description of the nature and extent of the facility's adherence to the Animal Welfare Act. If there are any departures, they must be stated along with the reasons for the departure, the significance of the deficiency (significant or minor), a reasonable and specific plan for correcting the deficiency and a correct by date.

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The inspector previously reviewed the June reports during a courtesy consultation and communicated these shortcomings to an IACUC member. At the time of inspection, the reports were not corrected. It is the responsibility of the IACUC to make sure the semi-annual facility and program review are accurate and contain all the required information. To be corrected by February 17th 2022.

2.31(d)(1)(iii)

Repeat

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

None of the approved protocols provide assurance from the investigator that the activities do not unnecessarily duplicate previous experiments. This information must be included in order for the IACUC to verify that the animals are being used in a judicious manner and the use of animals is not unnecessarily duplicative. This assurance needs to be provided for proper IACUC review and approval.

2.31(e)

Repeat

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC).

Protocol VETY2873 and Protocol VETY2854 are both missing a complete description of the proposed use of the animals and a rationale for the number of animals to be used. Protocols VETY2803, VETY3844 and VETY2824 does state the number of animals to be used per laboratory session but does not describe how that number justifies the total number of animals to be used for the year. Without this information, the IACUC cannot assess how the animals will be used and cared for and therefore cannot make an informed decision in approving the protocols. The facility was cited during the last inspection for protocols missing the same information. The protocols were amended but, per an IACUC member, the IACUC did not review the amended protocols to ensure adequacy. It is the responsibility of the IACUC to ensure protocols are complete and contain all of the required information before approval. Protocols describing the conduct of activity involving animals must contain all of the required information for proper IACUC review and approval.

2.36(a)

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Annual report.

The research facility did not submit their fiscal year 2021 Annual Report. Per an IACUC member, the IACUC did not submit an animal count to the Institutional Official (IO) who in turn did not send in a report before December 1st, 2021. The annual report is essential to assure that professionally acceptable standards governing the care and use of animals were followed during the previous fiscal year. It is the responsibility of the IACUC to make sure the report accurately depicts the number of live animals used for teaching and the IO's responsibility to make sure the report is submitted in time. Each research facility must submit an annual report to the Deputy Administrator for the State where the facility is located on or before December 1st of each calendar year. To be corrected by February 17th 2022.

2.38(k)(2) Critical

Miscellaneous.

The acquisition documents for 4 cats donated to the university misrepresented how they were obtained. 3 kittens, Squash, Pumpkin, and Midnight were found at a student's workplace and a cat, Shadow, was found as a stray kitten on the property of an employee. The facility knew the true origins of the animals upon intake; however, a form was completed and approved certifying that the cats were born and raised on the donors' premises. It is critical for dog's and cat's acquisition records to document the true origin of the animals in order to allow proper traceback of medical and legal history. No person shall obtain live dogs or cats by use of false pretenses, misrepresentation, or deception. Documents were corrected at the time of inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
885	57-R-0017	001	FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY	26-JAN-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000009	<i>Canis lupus familiaris</i>	DOG ADULT
000010	<i>Felis silvestris catus</i>	CAT ADULT
000008	<i>Cavia porcellus</i>	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000007	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000011	<i>Bos taurus</i>	CATTLE / COW / OX / WATUSI
000045	Total	