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Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 3:59 PM
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Cc: Allison, Sarah O; Xu, Jiajie Jessica; Goodly, Lyndon J
Subject: RE: Phone call to OVCRI

Good afternoon,

I wanted to provide an update for these dogs. We moved 5 of the 10 dogs from room [REDACTED] to room [REDACTED] this afternoon. There are 5 dogs in each room which alleviates the concern of having dogs near drains in the room.

I also spoke with two lab members who were doing socialization of the dogs this afternoon. They are planning on doing socialization 2x/week (Mondays and Wednesdays). I was told the lab members would leave the socialization calendars in binders in the dog holding room.

We will continue to contact you all with all updates.

Thank you,
Nikki

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Subject: Re: Phone call to OVCRI

Hello everyone,

I will be forwarding an email conversation between the DAR team and [REDACTED] discussing their dog socialization plan.

Also, DAR will be relocating 5 of the 10 dogs from [REDACTED] room [REDACTED] to room [REDACTED] on a temporary basis to alleviate the drain concern raised in the notice below. This will be completed on Monday. Room [REDACTED] is currently housing another researcher's housing equipment that needs to be stored elsewhere, and the dog kennels must be taken apart and reset before the space can be used.

Of note, room [REDACTED] was identified as having more pressing concerns per [REDACTED] staff due to the location of the drain. Room [REDACTED] has a drain in the center of the room allowing better drainage when compared to room [REDACTED]

Thank you,
Nikki

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Subject: RE: Phone call to OVCRl

Dr. Herndon,

Thank you for this thorough update. We will likely discuss this at an upcoming IACUC meeting, so if you have additional updates please pass them along.

Josh

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Good afternoon,

I had a meeting with the staff at [REDACTED] as our [REDACTED] have brought similar concerns to the attention of facility supervisors and veterinary technicians. I met with the [REDACTED] (2 of 3 members present), [REDACTED] supervisor, and facility manager to discuss the concerns and brainstorm options on how to address any of their concerns. I'm also happy to go over some of these ideas in more detail over phone if that works better for you.

We've broken the concerns raised in the anonymous notice to the following items:

1. Perceived lack of socialization
2. Perceived inappropriate housing – namely narrow rooms with inadequate drainage

To address the concern of perceived lack of socialization:

1. The lab who will be taking ownership of these dogs once off the DAR holding protocol confirmed they started socialization this week (reported completed on Wednesday 6/22/2022). Socialization logs to be signed when completed were requested to be posted on Thursday 6/23. I am confirming that the logs are posted today.
2. I am going to send a message to the lab requesting the details of their socialization practices (i.e. what activities the dogs undergo, what frequency, how many dogs out at a time, duration of socialization). I will confirm that dogs are bathed at least at the same frequency as other colony dogs.

The process of addressing the concern of perceived inappropriate housing is ongoing and will require further discussions with DAR leadership, researchers who will be taking responsibility of the dogs, and possibly OVCRl leadership. First, I want to confirm that all kennels that the dogs are currently in meet USDA standards for husbandry standards. During the meeting this morning, we discussed possible solutions to the concerns of spacing and cleaning the runs without inadvertently spraying the dogs and having the dogs away from the drains. Possible solutions we discussed are:

1. Change the types of kennels from on-the-ground kennels to raised kennels. We have raised kennels in the [REDACTED] facility that function well for that space. The raised kennels would address the concern of dogs standing in water due to slow drainage and would provide separation of dogs from urine and feces.
2. Use of other spaces:
 - a. Use room [REDACTED] to house ½ the dogs as mentioned in the anonymous notice. Room [REDACTED] has historically been used for other species and there are upcoming planned experiments slotted for use of that space sometime between end of July to mid-August. If necessary, splitting the colony into room [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] is possible, but only a short-term solution.

- b. Per the facility manager, other spaces in other DAR facilities was explored and the current rooms the dogs are in are the only spaces that could hold these dogs. Off-site locations were explored as well and those could not accommodate these dogs either.
- c. Use of room [REDACTED] to house dogs while cleaning occurs in the regular holding room. This would require someone to monitor the dogs while in room [REDACTED] while the room is cleaned. This option requires more personnel than DAR currently can provide. Possible solutions include having student volunteers, other veterinary staff monitor the dogs during cleaning.

These possible solutions are the start of brainstorming sessions to address the perceived inappropriate housing. I believe that ACS having worked in the spaces for the past 2 weeks has been a good opportunity for us to see what is working and what is not and how we can better the housing we provide the dogs. I am planning on having conversations with DAR leadership to confirm the best course of action to address the concern of perceived inappropriate housing.

I plan to keep the IACUC updated on any other possible solutions that we come up with and plans we plan to enact.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or would like any of these points clarified.

Thank you,
Nikki

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Dear Dr. Herndon,
Thank you for providing this information. Do you have an update on what has been done to address this situation?

Thanks,
Josh

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Subject: FW: Phone call to OVCR

Good afternoon,

We've received the following anonymous notices regarding dogs housed in [REDACTED] Please let me know if you require any additional information.

Thank you,
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Subject: RE: Phone call to OVCRl

Good afternoon,

I have had a second call in regard to the dogs in [REDACTED]. This person also wished to remain anonymous. They echoed the same concerns as the first caller from this morning, but clarified that there are 10 dogs in Room [REDACTED] and 10 dogs in Room [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. This caller's complaint was to raise concerns for the health and safety of the dogs in room [REDACTED] of [REDACTED]. They mentioned that room [REDACTED] is a narrow room with just a small drain down the center and that the dogs are covered in urine and feces. They do believe there is a socialization plan for the dogs now but feels there should have been one in place prior to the dogs arrival.

Best,

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Good morning,

This morning around 9:00 am I took a call here in the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Innovation from an employee who wishes to remain anonymous about a concern for the health and safety of some animals currently being

housed in [REDACTED]). The caller stated that there were 20 young female beagle dogs currently in Room [REDACTED] at [REDACTED]. They mentioned that the room is not designed to hold dog kennels. The Kennels are on both sides of the room however there is only a drain on the right side of the room with the floor only having a slight slope causing drainage to be a slow process. They mentioned that keeping these dogs dry and clean is impossible and that the dogs have been there for 2 weeks. Also, that it is impossible to clean the room of feces without spraying it all over the dogs above the drain. They said they were not present when the dogs were delivered but felt they probably were dry and clean and now they are dirty and sticky. They also mentioned that they do not think that the lab has developed a social schedule for the dogs. They are very concerned with the health and safety of the dogs and has witnessed that the dogs seem to be in stress at this time. This caller felt there was a quick fix to move half of the dogs to Room [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] and that then no dogs would be directly over the drains on the right side of the room. Also, there are more dogs in Room [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] but they do not know the situation of those dogs. This employee is concerned about a complaint and feels that this situation is putting an upcoming inspection in jeopardy. This caller did not hear first-hand but was told that when they found out they were getting the dogs someone told them they did not have the room, but management said they were getting them and to figure it out.

This employee did wish to remain anonymous but confidentially disclosed their name and cell phone number to me in confidence that it only be disclosed if necessary.

Kind regards,

Jamie Willard

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