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CARIBBEAN PRIMATE RESEARCH CENTER
UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, MEDICAL SCIENCES CAMPUS

To: [redacted] DVM
IACUC Chair - UPR-MSC

From: Armando G. Burgos, DVM, ACVP - Anim
Director of Veterinary Services
Caribbean Primate Research Center

Date: February, 17th 2022

The following is to inform of a situation at the Caribbean Primate Research Center where access was denied to the CPRC employees due to a manifestation from one of the UPR workers. After consultation with the union, limited access was allowed with only 2 CVMS, the CPRC Administrator and an additional employee able to gain. This was at 10:30 am. At the time an animal of concern (BA74) was found dead in her treatment cage. This animal was removed from her corral the day before and was a concern to the veterinary staff. Normally veterinary staff arrives at 8 am, and today we were allowed to arrive at 12:30 pm. Daily duties such as daily rounds, intravenous fluids, wound re-evaluations, removal of ill animals from corrals, disinfection and general cleaning of the corrals were not performed due to lack of personnel. Also a temperature to monitor than the day before due to an anomaly from the same unites, the corrals could not get cleaned as well due to lack of caretakers. The only duties performed today were treatments for animals already on the treatment schedule (oxytetra and oral) superficial cleaning of quarantine housing 8 animals and feeding of the entire colony. I have serious concerns regarding of the current state of the soiled corrals and the overall health of the colony as we are not able to follow our standard operating procedures and regulatory duties. This situation places the UPR-MSC at risk of losing federal funding from the National Institute of Health.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

PO BOX 3053 / SABANA SECA, PR 00952 – TEL. (787) 796-2001

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Date: February 18th, 2022

To: [redacted] VM
IACUC chair

From: Armando A. Rúpert, DVM, ABVP Avian

The following is to update the IACUC on the current situation at the CPRC. Two veterinarians (including myself) and a research assistant were the only people allowed to tend to the entire 2,400 rhesus macaque colony. Animal health technician were supposed to be allowed to entered but due to concerns with crossing a strike line, decided not to do it. A third veterinarian attempted to enter the facility another entrance was denied by the union personnel. Two animals (an adult and an infant) were found dead in their corrals (different corrals) but the cause of death is unknown. Due to lack of caretakers, animals were not removed at the time. An animal exposed (in cage within its quarantine (QUA) unit was attacking other animals and again, due to lack of caretakers, she was not trapped at the time. A juvenile animal (CV10) had evidence of being attacked by conspecifics but was not able to be removed at the time. The only techs performing were able to provide treatment for the animals on the treatment list and feed the entire colony. No cleaning was done, this being the 3rd day in a row.

A crew composed of animal health technician and one caretaker was able to enter the facility after 3 pm today once the union personnel had left the gate. Six animals were able to be treated with intravenous fluids, dead animals removed, and attacked animal (CV10) removed from its corral and treated, also the escaped animal was trapped. Also the technicians did a sanitary assessment of the animals and were able to superficially clean some of the quarantine areas.

I have serious concerns with the welfare of the CPRC animals and countless regulations that were not followed in the last 3 days. Also the precedent that this sets were unions can dictate the animal health and welfare of an animal research facility. The CPRC needs full institutional support to assure that the animals are adequately cared for.

Please let me know if there are any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,

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Date: February 21st 2022

To: [redacted] DVM
IACUC chair

From: Armando G. Burgos, DVM, ABVP, Avian

The following is an update for the CPRC situation. Saturday February 19th,2021 all scheduled staff except one caretaker (called in sick) presented to the center. CVID, animal where treatment was delayed due to union personnel not allowing staff to gain access to the center, seemed better. Intravenous fluids were given and was seen eating fruits later in the day. On Sunday, unfortunately this animal's condition worsened with hematuria reported. Animal health technician called the veterinarian on call to discuss the case and due to the animal's condition, humane euthanasia was performed.

The death of this animal was a preventable one, if employees would have been given access to the center in a timely manner. Again, as previously stated, unrest should not disturb the health of an animal research facility. The remainder of the colony seems to be in good health and additional problems have been reported.

Please let me know if there are any questions or if I can be of any further assistance.

Respectfully,

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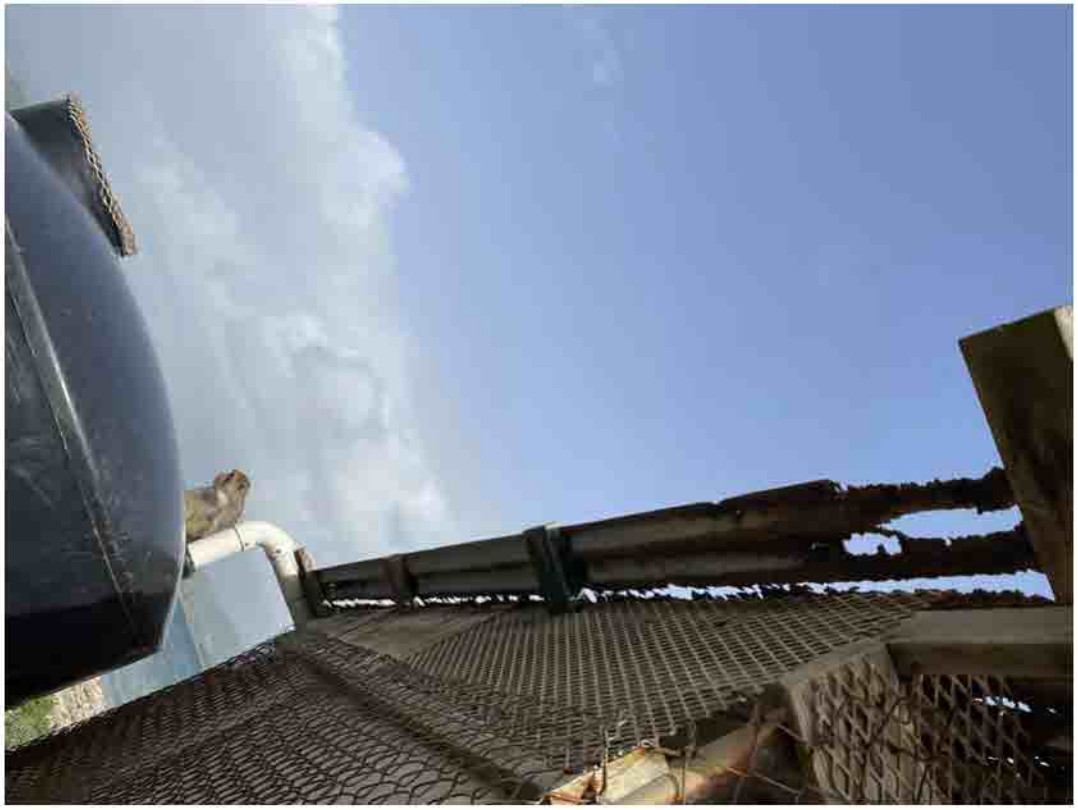
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