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June 13, 2022

Re: Animal Welfare Assurance
A3551-01 [OLAW Case 1G]

Dr., Michael F. Malone
Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement
University of Massachusetts-Amherst
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181 Presidents Drive
Amherst, MA 01003

Dear Dr. Malone,

The Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare (OLAW) acknowledges receipt of your June 9, 2022 letter reporting an instance of noncompliance with the PHS Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals at the University of Massachusetts - Amherst. Your letter supplements the information in the prompt telephone report on June 6, 2022. According to the information provided, OLAW understands that during the period of May 26 and 27, 2022, a shipment of retired male breeder mice was received from a vendor single housed. A researcher requested pair housing of the animals and the animal care tech followed the instructions of the PI. Aggressive behavior and fighting occurred and four animals did not survive. Two others had injuries that warranted euthanasia. The associated activity was not PHS funded.

The corrective and preventive measures are as follows:

- Effective immediately, the Compliance Office will review all animal orders. Requests to group house male breeder mice, will be followed up with a communication to PI and Animal Care Services (ACS) stating this is not permitted except with the review and approval of the Attending Veterinarian.
- ACS staff will receive refresher training particular to housing of male breeder mice has occurred.
- Counseling and training of PI on housing of male breeder mice has also taken place.

OLAW believes that the corrective and preventive measures put in place by the University of Massachusetts – Amherst are appropriate for this incident. We appreciate being informed of this matter and find no cause for further action by this office at this time.

Sincerely,

Brent C. Morse – Digitally signed by Brent C. Morse -S

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Brent C. Morse, DVM
Director
Division of Compliance Oversight
Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare

cc: IACUC contact

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June 9, 2022

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Division of Compliance Oversight
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Re: PHS Assurance # D16-00337 (A3551-01)

Dear Dr. Morse:

In accordance with PHS policy, I write to provide you a final report of an incident that recently occurred on our campus. The matter was initially reported to you by phone by Alison Miller, Research Compliance Specialist on June 6, 2022. The incident pertains to research covered by IACUC approved protocol #225 at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. The research is not currently supported by any PHS funds.

On May 26 and 27, 2022 six mice did not recover from injuries. A summary of events are as follows:

- This was a new animal shipment of retired male breeders
- Animals were shipped from the vendor single housed
- Researcher requested pair housing of animals
- Animal care tech followed the instructions of the PI
- Aggressive behavior and fighting occurred
- 4 animals did not survive
- 2 had injuries that warranted euthanasia

The corrective measures being put into place are as follows:

- Effective immediately, the Compliance Office will review all animal orders. Requests to group house male breeder mice, will be followed up with a communication to PI and Animal Care Services (ACS) stating this is not permitted except with the review and approval of the Attending Veterinarian.
- ACS staff will receive refresher training particular to housing of male breeder mice by 6/10/22.
- Counseling and training of PI on housing of male breeder mice by 6/10/2022.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

(b) (6)

Michael F. Malone
Vice Chancellor for Research & Engagement
Institutional Official

c: Jesse Mager, IACUC Chair
J. Paul Spurlock, Attending Veterinarian

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Initial Report of Noncompliance

By: BCM

Date: 6/6/2022

Time: 12:55

Name of Person reporting: (b) (6)

Telephone #: (b) (6)

Fax #:

Email:

Name of Institution: Univ. of Mass. - Amherst

Assurance number: A3551

Did incident involve PHS funded activity? no

Funding component:

Was funding component contacted (if necessary):

What happened?

Researcher requested retired male breeders be pair-housed. Caretaker was new and did not correct this. Four found dead and 2 required euthanasia. Three survived fighting.

Species involved: Mus

Personnel involved: Research staff / Care staff

Dates and times: May 26 - 27, 2022

Animal deaths: Yes

Projected plan and schedule for correction/prevention (if known):

Projected submission to OLAW of final report from Institutional Official:

< 60 days.

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