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USDA, APHIS Animal Care
2150 Center Avenue
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RE: Annual Report
Certificate: 21-R-0021
Fiscal Year: 2021
Customer ID Number: 294

Dear USDA APHIS Animal Care,

We have several bat protocols where there is an exception approved by the IACUC under 9 C.F.R. § 2.38(k) that is not provided for under the AWA regulations and standards. This exception allows the extension of interval for cleaning/sanitization of cages for bats during their mating and subsequent birth season to prevent pups from being separated from their mothers. The extension is for a period of 90 days and is supported by published research. The total number of bats this effected in the report period was 224.

Sincerely,

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