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CITATION AND NOTIFICATION OF PENALTY

We believe that you violated the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 et seq.) (AWA), as described below.

Date of Alleged Violation: October 15, 2018

9 C.F.R. § 2.32(a) Personnel qualifications. It shall be the responsibility of the research facility to ensure that all scientists, research technicians, animal technicians, and other personnel involved in animal care, treatment, and use are qualified to perform their duties. This responsibility shall be fulfilled in part through the provision of training and instruction to those personnel.

You failed to ensure facility personnel are qualified to perform their duties.

On August 24, 2018, an animal was anesthetized for a study procedure. Due to a pop-off valve that remained closed during the initial pressure check, the animal suffered breathing complications and died. The anesthetic complications, and subsequent death of the animal, were the direct result of the personnel failing to correctly configure the anesthetic machine after the initial pressure check.

Date of Alleged Violation: April 8, 2019

9 C.F.R. § 2.38(f)(1) Handling. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

You failed to properly handle an animal at your facility to not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort.

On March 8, 2019, a rabbit was placed in a restraint device on top of a counter prior to the induction of anesthesia. During induction, the rabbit escaped from the restraint device. During anesthetic recovery, the animal vocalized prompting staff to request an examination. On examination, a spinal fracture was identified, and the animal was



euthanized. Inspection of the restraint device by facility personnel revealed a damaged latch that prevented secure closure of the device.

Date of Alleged Violation: May 26, 2021

9 C.F.R. § 2.33(b)(3) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care
This regulation allows for daily observations to be conducted by someone other than the attending veterinarian providing that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

You failed to properly record the daily observations and assessments of animals at your facility.

On April 1, 2021, a rabbit on study was found entrapped in an e-collar. The entrapment resulted in a laceration and swelling of the muzzle of the animal that caused narrowing of the animal's airway and respiratory distress. The animal was examined by a veterinarian that observed the animal to be cyanotic with a loss of 27% of its body weight. A review of the incident revealed that the animal had been observed by staff that morning and was recorded as "healthy" at the time of the observation. Accurate information about the condition of the animal at the time of the initial observation was not recorded or conveyed to the attending veterinarian as required by the regulations.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$3,375.