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**To:** [APHIS-AnimalCare](mailto:APHIS-AnimalCare)  
**Subject:** Re: [External Email]Clarification on regulations regarding surgical suite  
**Date:** Friday, June 10, 2022 10:26:18 AM

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Thank you! I haven't heard back from our USDA inspector yet. Could you provide me with their contact info so I can follow up? I have a meeting next week that I would like to have the answer to my question for.

Best,

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On Jun 3, 2022, at 2:30 PM, APHIS-AnimalCare <[AnimalCare@usda.gov](mailto:AnimalCare@usda.gov)> wrote:

Good day,

Your inquiry has been forwarded to the USDA inspector for your region. They will get in touch with you soon. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Program Support  
USDA APHIS Animal Care  
Phone: (970) 494-7478

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Hi,

Thanks for getting back to me. I actually haven't met our USDA Animal Care Inspector yet. I moved to UPenn recently and am just getting my lab setup. If you could send me their contact information, that would be fantastic. I believe the university's registration number is: 23-R-0023.

Thank you!

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On Jun 2, 2022, at 6:33 PM, APHIS-AnimalCare <[AnimalCare@usda.gov](mailto:AnimalCare@usda.gov)> wrote:

Hi (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

This question would be best addressed by your facilities USDA Animal Care inspector, do you have their contact info? If so, we recommend reaching out to them directly. If not, please provide your facilities USDA registration certificate number in order for us to assist in routing your inquiry to your assigned inspector. Thank you.

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [@sas.upenn.edu](mailto:@sas.upenn.edu)

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Hello,

My lab has a colony of tree shrews (USDA-regulated species). We have a dedicated surgical suite for performing survival surgeries and emergency procedures. I was hoping to clarify whether that space can be used for the storage of non-surgery-related equipment, specifically the storage of animal caging. I've heard conflicting reports on whether this is prohibited. The cages would take up most of the space in the room and prevent the ability to walk through the room. For any surgeries / animal procedures, the cages would need to be removed. If there are any regulations, does this depend on whether the cages are clean (through cage wash) or dirty?

I'm happy to provide more details if needed.

Thank you!

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