



USDA-APHIS-Animal Care



ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINT			
Complaint No. AC22-0635	Date Entered: May 2, 2022	Processed By: Jeremy Flockhart	
Referred To: Jeffrey Shepherd		Reply Due: June 1, 2022	
Facility or Person Complaint Filed Against			
Name: DELAWARE VALLEY UNIVERSITY		Customer No.: 376	License No.:
Address: 700 E. BUTLER AVE.		Email Address:	
City: 700 E. BUTLER AVE.	State: PA	Phone No.:	
Complainant Information			
Name: anonymous		Organization:	
Address:		Email Address:	
City:	State:	Phone No.:	
How was the Complaint received? Email			
Details of Complaint: See Files			
Results: Animal Care is a division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that is responsible for the enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act. The Act provides minimum standards for the humane care of certain warm-blooded animals bred for commercial sales, some internet sales, those used in research, transported commercially, or exhibited to the public at USDA licensed or registered facilities. The activities and/or animals within this complaint are not covered under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) and are not subject to regulation by Animal Care.			
Application Kit Provided: Yes: No:			
Inspector: AMY NOOYEN		Date: May 11, 2022	
Reviewed By: Jeffrey Shepherd		Date: May 13, 2022	



Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Animal Care

Fort Collins Office
2150 Centre Avenue
Building B, 3W11
Fort Collins, CO 80526
Phone: 970-494-7478

May 2, 2022

anonymous

Dear Complainant,

Thank you for your correspondence dated April 28, 2022. We are reviewing your concerns and assigned tracking number AC22-635. Please allow us enough time (30 to 60 days) to thoroughly look into your concerns. You may submit a request to the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) office to obtain any publicly available information regarding our review.

FOIA Requests can be submitted three ways:

1. Web Request Form: <https://efoia-pal.usda.gov/App/Home.aspx>
2. Fax: 301-734-5941
3. US Mail:
USDA- APHIS- FOIA
4700 River Road, Unit 50
Riverdale, MD 20737

Should you have any questions regarding the APHIS FOIA process or need assistance using the Web Request Form **please contact the APHIS FOIA office at 301-851-4102.**

Animal Care is a program within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that directs activities to ensure compliance with and enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act and the Horse Protection Act. Animal Care establishes standards of humane treatment for regulated animals and monitors and achieves compliance through inspections, enforcement, education, and cooperative efforts under the Acts.

Please be assured that we will look into your concern(s) and take appropriate action(s).

Thank you for your interest into the humane treatment of these animals.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Goldentyer, D.V.M.
Deputy Administrator
USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

From: noreply@aphis.usda.gov
To: [APHIS-AnimalCare](#)
Subject: USDA APHIS ANIMAL CARE - Animal Welfare Complaint Submission
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 10:18:07 AM

Details of complaint:

- Name of USDA licensee/registrant:
- USDA license/registration number:
- City/State: Doylestown, PA
- Complaint details: The date of the incident isn't specific but it took place in April. The animals present were rats and I know that rats aren't covered under the AWA I just feel like because the USDA does annual inspections at the facility I work and where this occurred at that it is important to make you guys aware of this situation. I am a teaching assistant for intro to small animal management at Delaware Valley University and the professor has done a few worrisome things that concern me. The professor is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and the incidents have occurred with rats. We were performing anesthesia for the labs for students to learn and we were keeping heat lamps on them after they were injected with KAX. The professor left the heat lamps on these rats way too long for several hours to the point to where they died, two of them. There is also the incident where she never taught these students how to perform IM injections and then on live rats had them perform an IM injection with the KAX anesthesia mixture which I feel as though was incredibly unsafe for not only the student but the animals. One of the rats also died a few minutes after the students performed the IM injection with the anesthesia drug. All the rats that died were fairly young and the facility conditions are good. I understand that the rats are not covered, I am just really concerned about if this occurs with the rats what could happen with animals that are covered. I would like to remain anonymous because I do not want this to impact my position at the facility.

Submitted To:

Complaint Contact Information:

Can Contact Complainer: No, I would like to remain anonymous.

Name:
Organization:
Street Address:
Apt/Suite:
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