



Oklahoma State University
203 Whitehurst
Stillwater, OK 74078

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 Violation: On or about July 19, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 3.130 Watering.

If potable water is not accessible to the animals at all times, it must be provided as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animal. Frequency of watering shall consider age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. All water receptacles shall be kept clean and sanitary.

You failed to provide potable water to animals as often as necessary for their health and comfort. You found that several enclosures, housing approximately 34 voles, had empty or nearly empty water bottles. Twelve voles had died and you euthanized three more due to their condition.

Date of Violation: September 13, 2013

9 C.F.R. § 2.33(b)(2) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

(b) Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care.

You failed to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries. APHIS observed the following:

- 1) Expired materials including a tube of Quest Plus dewormer, an I.V. catheter, blood tubes, syringes and bottles of mineral oil.
- 2) A fawn showing marked hair loss on the forehead and around the eyes in the deer herd.

Date of Violation: August 19, 2014

9 C.F.R. § 2.33(b)(4) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

(b) Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:



(4) Guidance to principal investigators and other personnel involved in the care and use of animals regarding handling, immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization, and euthanasia.

You failed to give adequate guidance to principal investigators and other personnel regarding euthanasia. A rabbit which had been under veterinary treatment for suspected coccidiosis was found by facility personnel recumbent, paddling, and non-responsive. The facility manager did not follow the protocol for seeking appropriate veterinary care. The facility manager chose to euthanize the rabbit by gunshot. This method was not approved by the AVMA guidelines, and the facility manager did not consult with the attending veterinarian.

The penalty for the alleged violation(s) described above is \$12,850.