



Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Animal Care
700 River Road
Pawcatent, MD 20737

August 31, 2017

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Customer No.: 255
Registration No.: 31-R-0092

Northeast Ohio Medical University
4209 State Route 44
P.O. Box 95
Rootstown, OH 44272
Attn: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

RE: Official Warning; Notice of Alleged Violation

Dear Registrant:

Our agency, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, is responsible for enforcing the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) (AWA), and other agricultural laws that help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and ensure the welfare of animals. We have reason to believe that you failed to comply with the regulations issued under the AWA, as described in the enclosed attachments. Noncompliance with the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to animals and the public interest. You should take prompt action to correct noncompliances and establish procedures so they do not recur.

Please know that after providing you with an opportunity for a hearing, our agency may pursue civil penalties and other sanctions for each alleged violation of the AWA and regulations. Although we have authority to pursue penalties for the allegations in the attachment, we have decided not to do so in this instance, so long as you comply with the AWA and regulations in the future.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please 970-494-7478.

Sincerely,

Gerald Rushin
Assistant Deputy Administrator
Animal Care

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE

USDA
OFFICIAL WARNING
NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION

CASE NUMBER:
OH170006

VIOLATOR:
Northeast Ohio Medical University

Customer# 255
License# 31-R-0092

ADDRESS (City, State):
Rootstown, OH

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has evidence that on or about January 10, 2017, you failed to comply with the regulations issued under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. § 2131 *et seq.*) (AWA), as documented in the attached inspection report(s).

APHIS published Federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to animals and the public interest, APHIS is providing you with this Official Warning. This Official Warning is not to be construed as a final agency action or an adjudicated finding of a violation. If APHIS obtains evidence of any violation of these Federal regulations in the future, APHIS may pursue civil penalties and other sanctions for these alleged violations and for any future violations. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning, please contact the APHIS office telephone number listed in this notice.

APHIS OFFICIAL (Name):
Gerald Rushin

OFFICE ADDRESS:
4700 River Road
Riverdale, MD 30737

APHIS OFFICIAL (TITLE):
Assistant Deputy Administrator
Animal Care

DATE ISSUED: August 31, 2017	TELEPHONE NO: (970) 494-7478
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Inspection Report

Northeast Ohio Medical University
4209 State Route 44
P.O. Box 95
Rootstown, OH 44272

Customer ID: 255

Certificate: 31-R-0092

Site: 001

NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 10-JAN-2017

2.38(f)(1) CRITICAL

MISCELLANEOUS.

On July 1, 2016 nineteen Big Brown Bats were transferred between two rolling flight cages with opaque nest boxes so that the primary enclosure could be cleaned. At that time the animals were counted and their health was assessed. The enclosure in which the animals originated was cleaned first by being hosed down then by passing through a cage-washing system. Based on IACUC investigation results, one 3 year old female Big Brown Bat was left in the opaque nest box and was found dead on August 4, 2016. This bat was missed by the animal care staff and the cage wash staff and was sent through the cage wash. At the time the animal was found the carcass was desiccated and a necropsy would not have provided a time or cause of death. Since the time of this incident, the IACUC has conducted a full and thorough investigation. The USDA inspector was notified of this incident soon after the Attending veterinarian was notified. The investigator and animal care staff have responded by creating a new identification system for the animals as well as implementing multiple Standard Operating Procedures to prevent re-occurrence.

Inappropriate handling of animals can lead to unnecessary pain or distress. 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.

Correct from this time forward.

This inspection was conducted January 10-11th the exit interview was conducted with facility representatives on January 11, 2017.

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Additional Inspectors

Kathryn Campitelli, Veterinary Medical Officer

Prepared By:

MICHAEL NEAFSEY USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 6094

Date:

11-JAN-2017

Received By:

Title:
19-02332

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

Date:

11-JAN-2017



Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
255	31-R-0092	001	NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	10-JAN-17

Count	Species
000002	RHESUS MACAQUE
000003	EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL
000004	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000009	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (INCLUDING MOST COMMON US PET AND RESEARCH VARIETIES)
000010	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000027	NAKED MOLE-RAT
000051	JAMAICAN FRUIT-EATING BAT
000086	BIG BROWN BAT
000192	Total

Obtained by R



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Customer ID: 255

Certificate: 31-R-0092

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NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 04-JAN-2018

No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Director.

Obtained by R

Prepared By:

CROWLEY LACY, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 6122

Date:

04-JAN-2018

Received By:

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

Title:

19-02332_000092

Date:

04-JAN-2018



Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
255	31-R-0092	001	NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	04-JAN-18

Count	Species
000002	DOMESTIC GUINEA PIG
000002	RHESUS MACAQUE
000003	EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL
000011	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000011	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000025	NAKED MOLE-RAT
000070	BIG BROWN BAT
000096	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000220	Total

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Customer ID: **255**

Certificate: **31-R-0092**

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NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 25-JUN-2018

No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the facility manager.

Obtained by R

Prepared By:

CROWLEY LACY, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 6122

Date:

25-JUN-2018

Received By:

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

Title:

19-02332_000094

Date:

25-JUN-2018



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
255	31-R-0092	001	NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	25-JUN-18

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000060	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	BIG BROWN BAT
000026	<i>Heterocephalus glaber</i>	NAKED MOLE-RAT
000002	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000140	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000005	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000008	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000003	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL
000010	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000254	Total	

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NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

Date: 27-NOV-2018

No non-compliant items identified during this inspection.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarian.

Obtained by R

Prepared By:

CROWLEY LACY, D V M USDA, APHIS, Animal Care

Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER 6122

Date:

27-NOV-2018

Received By:

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

Title: ATTENDING VETERINARIAN
19-02332_000096

Date:

27-NOV-2018



Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
255	31-R-0092	001	NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	27-NOV-18

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000058	<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>	BIG BROWN BAT
000010	<i>Heterocephalus glaber</i>	NAKED MOLE-RAT
000002	<i>Macaca mulatta</i>	RHESUS MACAQUE
000119	<i>Meriones unguiculatus</i>	MONGOLIAN GERBIL (COMMON PET / RESEARCH VARIETY)
000005	<i>Oryctolagus cuniculus</i>	DOMESTIC RABBIT / EUROPEAN RABBIT
000002	<i>Ovis aries aries</i>	SHEEP INCLUDING ALL DOMESTIC BREEDS
000003	<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>	EASTERN GREY SQUIRREL
000199	Total	

Obtained by R