



Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

**Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2018**

Members Present

Members Absent

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1. Adverse Events Report

- Animal 2003 was found dead in room 103 by husbandry staff around 0710 am on Sunday Aug 26, 2018. The squeeze forward was activated to full range and the animal was trapped between the squeeze bar and door. Dr. Bray felt that the cage mate must have pushed the squeeze bar mechanism to capacity as it was not likely animal 2003 could not have done this on his own. The husbandry staff also stated the cage mate was the dominant one and the animal 2003 may have activated the mechanism to get away from the cage mate.

Necropsy showed bruising on the legs and lower abdomen from trying to free himself, otherwise no significant findings that would have caused death.

USDA was notified of the incident.

Prevention of future incidence: Chains or locks have been placed on the squeeze back mechanism for most cages to prevent the animals from reaching the squeeze activator. There are still a few cages that need chains or locks to be place. Staff was reminded to check the squeeze mechanism several times a day.

Follow-up on 20 Sep 2018: During an audit in the morning of 20 Sep, IACUC members noted a few cages that still needed chains or locks to be placed on the locking mechanisms. A reminder was sent out and the IACUC noted additional chains and locks being applied later that same afternoon.

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