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#### **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

### **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 before September 7, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.33(b)(3) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care. Program should include daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being and a mechanism for direct and frequent communication with the attending veterinarian.

You failed to observe and communicate with the attending veterinarian regarding one sheep that was unable to stand up following surgery.

#### Date of Violation: September 20, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.33(b)(4) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care. Program should include guidance to primary investigator and other personnel on the care and use of animals with regard to anesthesia.

You failed to provide adequate guidance on the care of animals under anesthesia, as evidenced by the fact that one goat died while under anesthesia.

# Date of Violation: September 2 - December 25, 2010

**9 C.F.R.** § **2.33(b)(5)** Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care. Program shall include adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with current established veterinary medical and nursing procedures.

You failed to provide adequate post-procedural care in accordance with current standards, and specifically:



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You failed to provide at least 3 sheep with the post-operative pain medication provided for in the protocol. In addition, you failed to provide the required daily observations for one animal during the first 5-day post-operative period. The protocol stated that the animals would have post-operative analgesics and daily observations for 3 days following surgery, including weekends and holidays.

## Date of Violation: April 4 & April 5, 2012

**9 C.F.R.** § **2.33(b)(5)** Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care. Program shall include adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with current established veterinary medical and nursing procedures.

You failed to provide post-operative analgesia for one sheep at the frequency stated in the approved protocol on two consecutive days.

"The penalty amount for the alleged violations above is \$9,143."