



Inspection Report

Covance Research Products Inc
310 Swampbridge Road
Denver, PA 17517

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COVANCE RESEARCH PRODUCTS INC

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PRIMARY ENCLOSURES.

In early September 2016, a rabbit was found by staff with an enrichment device (bell) stuck in its mouth. Staff contacted the attending veterinarian and it was decided to euthanize the animal. The rabbit was eight months old and therefore at the end of its production cycle. It likely would have been euthanized within a week. This contributed to the decision to euthanize at this time. At post-mortem, the bell was removed with no other injuries apparent. Bells are hung from the ceilings of the rabbit enclosures on chains. The bells are attached to the chains with with a metal circle. The ends of the circle are in close opposition to each other but do not overlap. It is suspected the bell had become detached from the chain and fell to the bottom of the enclosure allowing the rabbit push its lower jaw into the wide part of the bell where it became stuck. Though the facility plans to move to a more sturdy enrichment device, the bells have not been modified or replaced. On inspection today, one bell was seen lying on the enclosure floor of one rabbit. Enrichment devices which are not safe and secure can harm animal health. Primary enclosures, including enrichment items, shall be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the rabbits from injury.

Correct by: March 1, 2017

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the Attending and Clinical Veterinarians

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