



### Inspection Report

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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA  
Office of Animal Resources, Office of the IACUC  
L350 P B D B  
IOWA CITY, IA 52242

Customer ID: **1576**  
Certificate: **42-R-0004**  
Site: 001  
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION  
Date: 14-SEP-2021

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**3.125(a) Critical**

**Facilities, general.**

The facility found on 2/18/21 a ferret kit was found to have got its leg caught in an area of the enclosure. Upon discovery, it received prompt veterinary attention and was humanely euthanized. It was found to have had a talus fracture. The facility found the enclosure that it got its leg caught in had a bowed enclosure floor with enough space for a kit leg to get caught in. To prevent further occurrences the facility reports it has removed all affected floor components from inventory. Enclosures with bowed floors can cause injury as occurred this incident. Ensure that enclosures are maintained in good repair to protect animals from injury and to contain them.

On 8/2/2021 the facility found a jill had given birth to two kits in the incorrect housing. An administrative error was found to be the cause of standard weaned ferret housing being used rather than a singly-housed solid bottom housing for the pregnant ferret. Two ferret kits were found dead prior to her being moved to another enclosure and two more were born and found dead in the correct enclosure, and one more lived, although the cause of the deaths is unknown. The standard housing was inappropriate for a pregnant ferret. The facility has taken steps to ensure that pregnant ferrets are correctly housed to prevent any further incidents.

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Correction: Ensure corrective actions are followed and continued.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

Additional Inspectors:

William Janecke, VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
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