



Inspection Report

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WHITEHEAD BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH BUILDING

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MISCELLANEOUS.

A male rabbit was found to have a fractured humerus on May 5, 2015. The rabbit had been taken out of his cage on May 4, 2015 and weighed for a procedure the next day. The next morning the rabbit was taken out for surgery, there was no abnormal movement or behavior noted at that time. The rabbit underwent anesthesia for a procedure and while anesthetized he was found to have a fractured humerus. The rabbit was euthanized while under anesthesia. An investigation was performed but it was inconclusive as to the cause of the fracture. The caretakers had not noted any abnormalities while handling the rabbit and no procedures had previously been performed on the rabbit. The review indicated that staff considered the rabbit to be highly excitable and would become agitated when someone approached the cage. The staff also indicated they heard the rabbit running around his cage and a loud banging noise after the rabbit was returned to its cage, but there was no observation made at that time to see if there was any injury. The staff also failed to observe the fracture when the rabbit was handled the next morning in preparation for a procedure. Although the cause of the fracture was not determined, the information provided indicates this rabbit may have injured itself after being returned to its enclosure as evident by the loud banging noise.

All animals shall be handled in a manner that will minimize distress and protect them from injury.

The corrective and preventive measures instituted after the incident appear to be appropriate.

Exit briefing conducted with the Institutional Official and other facility representatives on 9/24/2015. The report delivered on 9/29/2015 via email.

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