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| ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINT | | |
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| Complaint No. AC21-214 | Date Entered: March 29, 2021 | Processed By: Sean Rehurek |
| Referred To: CAROLYN MCKINNIE | | Reply Due: April 28, 2021 |
| Facility or Person Complaint Filed Against | | |
| Name: UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON | Customer No.: 1016 | License No.: |
| Address: BOX 357160 | | Email Address: |
| City: SEATTLE | State: WA | Phone No.: 2065432211 |
| Complainant Information | | |
| Name: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) | Organization: PETA | |
| Address: | | Email Address: |
| City: | State: | Phone No.: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D) |
| How was the Complaint received? Email | | |
| Details of Complaint: See attached. | | |
| Results: This complaint is a duplicate of AC20-468. The complaint alleged a macaque at the WaNPRC Western facility was left in a trapping run for over 24 hours without access to food or water. This incident was reviewed during an inspection dated 26 JAN 2021. According to the facility, a female pigtail macaque was observed in the compound on Sunday morning, 19 APR 2020. However, the animal was not present during the afternoon check. The staff looked for the animal in the trapping run; however, she was not seen. On Monday morning, the female macaque was found in the trapping run. The animal was moderately dehydrated, given immediate treatment and recovered. This incident was cited on an inspection report dated 26 JAN 2021. An allegation was also made concerning an incident at the facility's site in Arizona that resulted in an injury. This incident was investigated by USDA, Animal Care. On 29 JUN 2020, a one-year old female pigtail macaque escaped from her enclosure, and another macaque pulled her left arm through the caging. The female macaque sustained multiple injuries and the left arm required amputation. This incident was cited on an inspection report dated 1 DEC 2020. | | |



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The complaint alleged there have been multiple incidents where nonhuman primates had been found “out of cage” at the Seattle facility in 2018. In addition, this issue was discussed in 2018 meeting minutes for the facility. An inspection was conducted to investigate this allegation. According to the facility, there were six different styles of caging at that time. As the numerous types of caging were a challenge for the staff, there are only four types of caging at present. Thus, the facility removed approximately 250 cages, and has also made an effort towards more group housing for the animals. The inspection team did determine that a male pigtail macaque and his social partner escaped from their enclosure, which resulted in injuries to those animals and to other nonhuman primates in the room. This incident was cited on an inspection report dated 26 JAN 2021.

An allegation was made that a nonhuman primate went to the cage wash but was found. This was investigated during an inspection dated 26 JAN 2021. The facility stated that the animal was found prior to entry into the cage wash. The enclosure with the animal was located in the hallway when found.

An allegation was made that there is an apparent conflict of interest, as the position of Director of the Office of Animal Welfare and the Associate Director of WaNPRC were held by the same individual prior to the 2018 incidents above. In addition, the complaint stated the individual was elevated to the position of interim Director of WaNPRC in late 2019. This allegation was reviewed during an inspection dated 26 JAN 2021. The inspection team found that although the same individual held both positions, she was not a member of the facility’s IACUC.

An allegation was also made that a January 2020 incident occurred at the research facility’s site in Arizona involving an animal escape and resultant injuries. This incident was investigated by USDA, Animal Care and an inspection was conducted; however, no non-compliances were cited. The complaint alleged that the composition of the facility’s IACUC has an unaffiliated member that served as the facility’s biosafety officer as recently as 2014. This allegation was reviewed during the inspection dated 26 JAN 2021. The research facility’s IACUC contains two additional non-affiliated members, and the individual has not been employed by the facility since 2014.

An allegation was also made that the Executive Director of the Northwest Association for Biomedical Research was designated as a nonscientific member of the facility’s IACUC, and thus does not follow PHS policy. This allegation was reviewed during an inspection dated 26 JAN 2021. The inspection team noted that USDA, Animal Care enforces the Animal Welfare Act and Regulations; however, PHS policy is not under the purview of this agency.

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| Application Kit Provided: | |
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| Inspector: DIANE FORBES | Date: March 31, 2021 |
| Reviewed By: CAROLYN MCKINNIE | Date: March 31, 2021 |