



Inspection Report

University of California-Berkeley
119 California Hall
Berkeley, CA 94720

Customer ID: **9191**
Certificate: **93-R-0432**
Site: 001
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
BERKELEY

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 22-MAR-2023

2.38(f)(1) Critical

Miscellaneous.

On November 17, 2022, University staff performed a "high clean" in the fruit bat colony room. After the cleaning was performed, the staff employee failed to release two of the bats back into the colony room from the temporary caging they were placed in for cleaning. The Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) number 502 Fruit Bat Husbandry states that the staff will, "visually inspect each cage and confirm there are no bats present, then remove green tag and lock cage closed". The staff member responsible for releasing the bats opened the doors, let the bats fly out, but did not confirm all the cages were empty prior to removing the green tag (which indicates the cage is now empty). It is assumed that the employee did not follow the remainder of the SOP which states, "inspect all carts, racks, wheels, and cages prior to removing from housing room. Inspect again once in anteroom. Spray cages, racks, and wheels with approved disinfectant and transport to dirty cage wash." If followed, the SOP seems to provide ample opportunity to recognize that the two animals had not been released. As stated in the University's response, the two bats were found dead by University staff, on November 23rd, still within the temporary holding cage in the storage room, and their death was the direct result of "exposure to 180 degree water" within the cage wash. The staff employee's failure to follow the prescribed SOP for handling these animals when the colony room is cleaned resulted in their unnecessary suffering and death. Handling of all animals shall be done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma,

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overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

This incident was self-reported by the University on November 28th, 2022, a full investigation of the incident was performed and the Office of Laboratory Animal Care has initiated the process for termination of the responsible employee.

Corrected by the time of inspection

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with a facility representative.

Additional Inspectors:

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000274	<i>Rousettus aegyptiacus</i>	EGYPTIAN FRUIT BAT
000274	Total	