



Inspection Report

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Customer ID: **960**
Certificate: **94-R-0109**
Site: 003
SABANA SECA

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION
Date: 23-JUL-2025

3.75(a)

Housing facilities, general.

During inspection, APHIS officials noticed multiple walls in different primary enclosures with peeling paint. In other primary enclosures multiple tiles of the floor were seen with missing pieces and sharp edges. The pieces of paint can be ingested and affect the animals' health and well-being. The missing pieces from the tiles on the floor can cause injury if the feet or hands of the animals were to get entrapped in these spaces. The housing facilities for the non-human primates must be constructed and maintained in a way to protect the non-human primates contained in housing facilities. Housing facilities for nonhuman primates must be designed and constructed so that they are structurally sound for the species of nonhuman primates housed in them. They must be kept in good repair, and they must protect the animals from injury, contain the animals securely, and restrict other animals from entering.

Correct by November 30, 2025.

3.80(a)(2)(iii) Critical

Primary enclosures.

During inspection, APHIS officials were reviewing the IACUC meeting minutes from January 17, 2025, and they noticed the following adverse event:
On December 5, 2024, a total of 24 animals escaped from corral 166-A from side gate that was not properly locked. 17 of 24 animals were captured the same day within 4 – 5 hours (12-5-24). Three (3) animals were captured (on) 12-6-24 and additionally on Dec 7, 9, and 10, 2024 were captured and had to be euthanized due to the potential threat of introducing unwanted pathogens to the colony. There is still one animal from the corral that hasn't been captured but has been seen around the perimeter of the facility. On the March 7, 2025 IACUC meeting one of the last two animal was captured. However, after talking with the attending veterinarian it had to be euthanized due to having spent time outside the perimeter fence. According to the Attending Veterinarian one animal is still missing and has not been captured by the time of the inspection.

It is important that all gates and latches be kept in good repair and firmly secured to prevent opportunities for animals to escape or injure themselves. The primary enclosures should be maintained to contain the non-human primates securely and prevent accidental opening of the enclosure, including opening by the animal.

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Corrected by the time of inspection.

3.84(d)

Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control.

During inspection, APHIS officials observed 15 – 20 cats in the area outside the veterinary clinic, kitchen area, and right outside the walk-in cooler unit where vegetables, fruits, and seeds are kept. Cats are known vectors of diseases, such as toxoplasma that can affect the health and well-being of the rhesus macaques kept at the facility. Officials also noticed cat food placed directly on the floor in the area outside the walk-in cooler which can attract other types of pests. An effective program for control of insects, external parasites affecting nonhuman primates, and birds and mammals that are pests, must be established and maintained so as to promote the health and well-being of the animals and reduce contamination by pests in animal areas.

Correct by September 22, 2025.

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with Attending Veterinarian.

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Species Inspected

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| Count | Scientific Name | Common Name |
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| 002400 | <i>Macaca mulatta</i> | RHESUS MACAQUE |
| 002400 | Total | |