Inspection Report

Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute

2425 Ridgecrest Dr SE
Albuquerque, NM 87108

Customer ID: **1072**

Certificate: **85-R-0003**

Site: 001
Lovelace Biomedical Research Institute

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION

Date: 20-OCT-2026

2.38(f)(1) **Critical**

Miscellaneous.

At approximately 6:30am on June 4, 2026, a three-year-old male cynomolgus macaque (ID# CMC050) was injured during a reconditioning session for pole and collar handling. The technician that performed the session notified the attending veterinarian, who promptly sedated the animal for examination and determined that the animal sustained a severe break and significant tissue damage to the left upper arm. The veterinarian elected to perform humane euthanasia at that time due to the severity of the injury. Necropsy and pathology reports confirmed acute trauma as the cause of the injury. The facility uses an established Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for performing conditioning sessions; despite documented training for the technician over this SOP, an IACUC investigation concluded that the technician performed the session alone, without the assistance of another qualified technician, contrary to instructions within the SOP. The facility terminated the technician's employment and performed refresher training for all technicians that handle animals; the SOP is also in revision to provide further clarity as to procedures and expectations for conditioning activities with non-human primates.
Failure of the technician to follow procedures resulted in unnecessary pain, suffering and euthanasia for a non-human primate. The facility must ensure that handling of all animals is done as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm or unnecessary discomfort.
CORRECTED BEFORE THE TIME OF THIS INSPECTION ON 10/20/2026

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with the attending veterinarian and facility representatives.

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Title: VETERINARY MEDICAL OFFICER

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000001	*Macaca fascicularis*	CRAB-EATING MACAQUE / CYNOMOLGUS MONKEY
000001	**Total**	