



Inspection Report

BUTTONWOOD PARK ZOO

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425 HAWTHORN ST

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION

NEW BEDFORD, MA 02740

Date: Jun-16-2010

2.31 (c) (1)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31 (c) (1) states - "IACUC functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall: (1) Review, at least once every six months, the research facility's program for humane care and use of animals, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation."

1. The last review of the research facility's Program for the Humane Care and Use of Animals was conducted on 11/22/09. Six month's from 11/22/09 would be 5/22/10. As of the date of today's inspection, 6/16/10, the IACUC has not conducted a review of the Program.

Per Regulation, the IACUC should review the facility's Program at least once every six months. The IACUC needs to conduct the semi-annual review of the facility's Program. Correct by 7/18/10.

2.31 (c) (2)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31 (c) (2) states - "IACUC functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall: (2) Inspect, at least once every six months, all of the research facility's animal facilities, including animal study areas, using title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, as a basis for evaluation."

1. The last inspection of the research facility's Animal Facilities was conducted on 11/22/09. Six month's from 11/22/09 would be 5/22/10. As of the date of today's inspection, 6/16/10, the IACUC has not conducted an inspection of the Animal Facilities.

Per Regulation, the IACUC should inspect the facility's Animal Facilities at least once every six months. The IACUC needs to conduct the semi-annual inspection of the Animal Facilities. Correct by 7/18/10.

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2.31 (c) (3)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31 (c) (3) states - "IACUC functions. With respect to activities involving animals, the IACUC, as an agent of the research facility, shall: (3) Prepare reports of its evaluations conducted as required by paragraphs (c)(1) and (2) of this section, and submit the reports to the Institutional Official of the research facility.....The reports shall be reviewed and signed by a majority of the IACUC members and must include any minority views. The reports shall be updated at least once every six months upon completion of the required semiannual evaluations.....The reports must contain a description of the nature and extent of the research facility's adherence to this subchapter, must identify specifically any departures from the provisions of title 9, chapter I, subchapter A--Animal Welfare, and must state the reasons for each departure. The reports must distinguish significant deficiencies from minor deficiencies.....If program or facility deficiencies are noted, the reports must contain a reasonable and specific plan and schedule with dates for correcting each deficiency."

1. The IACUC conducted a review of the Program of Humane Care and Use of Animals and inspected the Animal Facilities on 11/22/09. As of today's inspection 6/16/10, almost 7 months following the Program review and Animal Facility inspection, the IACUC has not prepared a report of its 11/22/09 evaluations and has not submitted a report to the Institutional Official (IO).

The IACUC must prepare a report of its semi-annual review of the Program of Humane Care and Use of Animals and of its inspection of the Animal Facilities upon completion of these semi-annual reviews and then submit the report to the Institutional Official to inform her/him of the status of the research facility's Program and Facilities. The IACUC needs to prepare a report for the 11/22/09 evaluations and then submit the report to the IO. Correct by 7/18/10.

2.31 (d) (2)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31 (d) (2) states - "IACUC review of activities involving animals. (2) Prior to IACUC review, each member of the Committee shall be provided with a list of proposed activities to be reviewed. Written descriptions of all proposed activities that involve the care and use of animals shall be available to all IACUC members, and any member of the IACUC may obtain, upon request, full Committee review of those activities. If full Committee review is not requested, at least one member of the IACUC, designated by the chairman and qualified to conduct the review, shall review those activities, and shall have the authority to approve, require modifications in (to secure approval), or request full Committee review of any of those activities. If full Committee review is requested for a proposed activity, approval of that activity may be granted only after review, at a convened meeting of a quorum of the IACUC, and with the approval vote of a majority of the quorum present."

1. The review and approval of Protocol #BPZI2010-1 by the IACUC was conducted by means of electronic communications to and from the IACUC members and was not done at a convened meeting or by Designated Member Review as required by this Section.

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The review of proposed animal use activities by the IACUC can only be done at a convened meeting of a quorum of the IACUC or by the Designated Member Review process. Correct immediately from this date forward for all protocols submitted to the IACUC for review.

2.31 (d) (4)

INSTITUTIONAL ANIMAL CARE AND USE COMMITTEE (IACUC).

Section 2.31 (d) (4) states - "IACUC review of activities involving animals. (4) The IACUC shall notify principal investigators (PI) and the research facility in writing of its decision to approve or withhold approval of those activities related to the care and use of animals, or of modifications required to secure IACUC approval."

1. The IACUC did not notify the principal investigator in writing of its decision to approve Protocol #BPZI2010-1 as is required per this Section.

Written notification to the PI by the IACUC is required in order to inform the investigator that the proposed animal use activities have been reviewed and approved by the IACUC and can now begin. Correct immediately from this date forward for all protocols submitted to the IACUC for review.

2.35 (a) (1)

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS.

Section 2.35 (a) (1) states - "The research facility shall maintain the following IACUC records: (1) Minutes of IACUC meetings, including records of attendance, activities of the Committee, and Committee deliberations."

1. There were no minutes prepared for the 11/22/09 convened meeting of the IACUC as is required per this Section.

Minutes of IACUC meetings, including a record of attendance as well as a record of IACUC activities and deliberations, should be maintained by a research facility. The Registrant needs to: (1) prepare minutes for the 11/22/09 convened IACUC meeting, and (2) must prepare minutes of each future convened meeting of the IACUC. Correct item (1) by 7/18/10; correct item (2) from this date forward.

NOTE - Exit interview held 6/16/10 with IO and IACUC chairperson. Report delivered by e-mail on 6/17/10. END OF REPORT.

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