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“Sec. 2.33 Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

(b) Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include:

(2) The use of appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries, and the availability of emergency, weekend, and holiday care;”

A baboon, 26249, had surgery as part of a research protocol. On necropsy as part of that protocol, a previously identified abdominal mass turned out to be a surgical sponge. The animal had been monitored due to the mass and weight loss, but had no other symptoms noted.

Prior to the time of this inspection, the IACUC reviewed the protocol and made recommendations to the investigators and veterinary staff to minimize the chances of recurrence.

“ (3) Daily observation of all animals to assess their health and well-being; Provided, however, That daily observation of animals may be accomplished by someone other than the attending veterinarian; and Provided, further, That a mechanism of direct and frequent communication is required so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian;

(4) Guidance to principal investigators and other personnel involved in the care and use of animals regarding handling, immobilization, anesthesia, analgesia, tranquilization, and euthanasia; and

(5) Adequate pre-procedural and post-procedural care in accordance with current established veterinary medical and nursing procedures.”

This report was conducted over a two day period (October 28-29, 2008).

This inspection references three items that were previously reported to the federal government- the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare within the National Institutes of Health. The events occurred over a periods of years.

The first item was in reference to a discovery of a surgical sponge in a monkey following the animal's death. The sponge did not appear to cause any notable health problems for the animal. However, of course, the surgical error was regrettable.

The second item refers to the loss of an animal and her offspring during a study due to an infection that was not evident until an autopsy was performed. The USDA agreed with OHSU's steps to prevent incidents like this in the future.

(Information from OHSU)

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Monkey 16212 died as a result of sepsis resulting from prolonged labor and fetal demise. The researcher did not recognize the signs of distress and, therefore, failed to communicate with the veterinarian in order to provide timely care to the animal.

Prior to the time of this inspection, the IACUC reviewed the incident and set up a plan including additional training to ensure such a failure does not recur. Neither the primary nor the co-investigator are involved in animal research at this time.

“Sec. 2.38 Miscellaneous.

(f) Handling. (1) Handling of all animals shall be 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.”

In November of 2007, a laparoscopy was performed on the cagemate of the intended subject. Prior to the time of inspection, the incident was reported to the IACUC and corrective measures had been instituted.

The third item refers to a laparoscopic surgery that was started on an animal...but quickly halted in the initial stages when it was determined that the animal's cage mate should have been brought to the surgical suite instead. The incision for the animal was very small. It recovered fully and it had no health problems.

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