

Memorandum

To: IACUC Committee Members

From: Denise Jones – Companion Animal Facility Inspection Chair

RE: Semiannual Facility Inspection of Animal Housing and Staff Support Areas

The semiannual inspection of the Companion Animal Facility was conducted on May 17th, 2010 with committee members Denise Jones and Nancy Buschhaus present. Dr. Jason Roberts, UT Martin veterinarian was also present.

There were no major deficiencies and no minor deficiencies found during the inspection.

Inspection of animal housing and support was acceptable. The following is a description of some aspects of the facility.

- Animal areas were separate from personnel, with dogs and cats having separate quarters.
- Dogs are housed separately for a minimum of one week, except puppies which are housed together with litter mates upon arrival to the facility.
- The dog cages are each locked and have a label on the outside containing necessary and appropriate information which can be matched with an identification tag on the collar of the animal inside.
- Dog cages are scooped clean two times per day.
- Dogs are walked daily. They are placed in an outside cage while their cage is cleaned. The dog is supervised while outside.
- Food is sealed in air tight containers in a separate room from the animals.
- Bowls are made of steel or hard plastic and are cleaned two times daily.
- Cats are housed together in a multiplex with perches off the floor for cats to get on.
- Cat litter is scooped twice daily and changed two times per week. One extra litter pan is provided than there are cats to prevent potential social issues.
- The cat room is on a light-dark timer which coincides with their natural habits.
- All areas are temperature controlled. Devices measuring temperature and humidity are checked and logged in daily with adjustments if needed.
- All medications are locked and were labeled and within expiration dates.
- Clinical records are available in the animal care area.

The Semiannual Facility Inspection Checklist for animal housing and support areas is on file in the Research Grants and Contracts office at the University of Tennessee at Martin.

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