



<p>UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE</p> <p>USDA</p> <p>OFFICIAL WARNING</p> <p>NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION</p>	CASE NUMBER: WA240002-AC
	ALLEGED VIOLATOR: University of Washington Attn: Dr. Christina Cruzen P.O. Box 357160
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<p>The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following alleged violation(s) of Federal laws:</p> <p>Date of Alleged Violation: June 26, 2023</p> <p>9 C.F.R. § 2.33(b)(1) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care. Each research facility shall establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that include the availability of appropriate facilities, personnel, equipment, and services to comply with the provisions of this subchapter.</p> <p>As detailed in the September 12, 2023 inspection report, on June 26, 2023, a routine dura debridement procedure was conducted on an adult male rhesus macaque. The animal was sedated with injectable agents and began to experience poor oxygenation and a rapid, irregular heartbeat. The animal was attached to the anesthesia machine and immediately stopped breathing. After being taken to an area with an anesthesia ventilator, the animal went into cardiac arrest and was unable to be resuscitated.</p> <p>Date of Alleged Violation: Between January 2024 and May 2024</p> <p>9 C.F.R. § 2.31(e)(3) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC). A proposal to conduct an activity involving animals, or to make a significant change in an ongoing activity involving animals, must contain the following: A complete description of the proposed use of the animals.</p> <p>As detailed in the October 8, 2024 inspection report, on January 4, 2024, four macaques underwent a lymph node biopsy and did not receive systematic analgesia following the procedure. On March 13, 2024, the facility performed a lymph node biopsy on the same four macaques and did not provide the required systematic analgesia. On March 16, 2024, an additional macaque did not receive appropriate analgesia following a cerebrospinal fluid tap performed.</p>	



Between May 2024 and June 2024, a male macaque underwent video fluoroscopy for more sessions than described in the approved protocol, and subsequently experienced radiation toxicity with clinical impacts.

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9 C.F.R. § 2.32(a) Personnel qualifications. It shall be the responsibility of the research facility to ensure that all scientists, research technicians, animal technicians, and other personnel involved in animal care, treatment, and use are qualified to perform their duties. This responsibility shall be fulfilled in part through the provision of training and instruction to those personnel.

As detailed in the October 8, 2024 inspection report, on March 21, 2024, two adult male rhesus macaques escaped through an improperly secured side panel of a primary enclosure. The animals were found outside of their enclosures, but contained within their room in the vivarium. The animals came in contact with other animals and had fought during their escape. A total of four animals sustained injuries, three of the animals required sedation for wound repair.



The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) published federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the alleged violation(s) described above. This Official Warning is not to be construed as a final agency action, or as an adjudicated finding of a violation. If APHIS obtains evidence of any future violation of these federal regulations, APHIS may pursue sanctions, which may include criminal prosecution, for this alleged violation(s) and for any future violation(s). If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or alleged violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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