



Inspection Report

Texas Tech University
Animal Care Services Box 43132
LUBBOCK, TX 79409

Customer ID: **1480**
Certificate: **74-R-0108**
Site: 001
TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Type: FOCUSED INSPECTION
Date: 13-DEC-2022

3.130 Critical

Watering.

According to facility records dated 09/18/2022 through 09/19/2022, an adverse event occurred involving juvenile pigs housed in the same pen, culminating in the necessary euthanasia of one of the pigs. These records and IACUC minutes dated September 28, 2022, indicate that four animals in "Pen 1" did not eat overnight and appeared thin; three of the animals were less active. It was discovered that a water hose became disconnected from a Lixit. Records indicate that, "Pigs went unknown period of time w/o water." Treatment was initiated immediately, and three of the four pigs did not develop further symptoms. One pig, #131, began to display neurologic signs of salt toxicity and seizures that ultimately failed to respond to therapy, necessitating euthanasia. The cause of the disconnected hose was not determined and could not be reproduced. Corrective actions were implemented, to include retraining of the caretaker and care staff for checking hose connections, normal pig behavior and disease states, and adding a second health check later in the evening, which is performed by a different caretaker on alternating days.

Failure to ensure access to drinking water impacted the well-being of three pigs and resulted in the development of salt toxicity and subsequent euthanasia of one pig. The facility must ensure that potable water is accessible to the animals at all times or at least provided as often as necessary for the health and comfort of the animals; frequency of watering shall

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consider age, species, condition, size and type of animal.

CORRECTED PRIOR TO INSPECTION

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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Species Inspected

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Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000013	<i>Sus scrofa domestica</i>	DOMESTIC PIG / POTBELLY PIG / MICRO PIG
000013	Total	