



## Inspection Report

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

Customer ID: **1480**  
Certificate: **74-R-0108**  
Site: 006  
Texas Tech University

Type: ROUTINE INSPECTION  
Date: 13-DEC-2022

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### 2.33(b)(3)

#### Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care.

Caretakers failed to communicate with the facility veterinarians when two or more adult, male deer were potentially in need of veterinary care. Between 12/8/22 and 12/13/22, an observation log contains entries made by two different caretakers indicating two deer (one identified as, "buck with green tag" and another identified as, "buck 4") were potentially injured, experiencing some degree of lameness and that "bucks may need hoof trim." The more experienced caretaker corroborated slight lameness and the potential need for hoof trims but did not concur that there was aggressive behavior or bleeding as noted by the new, less experienced caretaker. The inspector utilized binoculars but was unable to confirm overt lameness or a need for hoof trimming within the running, closely grouped herd in the very large, grassy pen. Regardless, there were no notes documenting a visit by the veterinarian to evaluate the animals for lameness or injuries since noted in the log on 12/8/22, and the veterinarians stated that they were not notified until the time of inspection. The veterinarians traveled to the site to inspect the animals that afternoon following the inspection and determined: "No evidence of aggression, fighting, limping or bleeding noted. No treatment necessary". However, the failure to report potential issues of animal health or behavior to the veterinarian can result in delayed provision of care and prolonged pain and discomfort from issues that may be present. Research facilities must establish and maintain programs of adequate veterinary care that not only include the daily observation of all animals to assess their health and

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well-being, but also include a mechanism of direct and frequent communication so that timely and accurate information on problems of animal health, behavior, and well-being is conveyed to the attending veterinarian.

CORRECTED AT THE TIME OF INSPECTION

This inspection and exit interview were conducted with facility representatives.

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### Species Inspected

Cust No	Cert No	Site	Site Name	Inspection
1480	74-R-0108	006	Texas Tech University	13-DEC-2022

Count	Scientific Name	Common Name
000020	<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>	WHITE-TAILED DEER
000020	<b>Total</b>	