



Potential Welfare Concern

Home Office Outcome: Not pursued as non-compliance x2

What happened?

On two separate occasions it was reported that there was a missing mouse. Investigations had already been underway by the time the RCA was carried out.



Why did we have to report it?

PEL SC 4.

Protected animals could not be accounted for and could not be found as part of the investigation. The RCA was carried out to help explain the investigation process in full to the Home Office.



What did we do?

- The NACWO's on both occasions had already carried out an investigation within the facility.
- The Missing Mouse SOP was reviewed to provide robust guidance on the investigation part of the process and to clarify the reporting procedure.
- Re-assessments were carried out for the husbandry tasks at the time when it was likely the mouse had got out of the cage.

EL Standard Conditions

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All protected animals must at all times be provided with adequate care and accommodation appropriate to their type or species.