

Number of animals reported in 2024 annual report


Species	Pain Category				Total
	B	C	D	E	
Hamster	0	0	1	152	153
Rabbit	0	0	25	0	25
Monkeys/Apes	0	8	17	0	25
Pig	0	0	164	43	207
Other Mammal	0	7	231	125	363
Total	0	15	438	320	773

Issues documented in a January 2024 USDA inspection report:

- Three ferrets died and five others had symptoms of asphyxiation after experimental cigarette smoke exposure. The five ferrets were treated and fully recovered. It was determined that insufficient airflow reached the animals because of the internal pipes being mostly or completely blocked by tar residue from cigarette smoke.
- During a cage change, one cynomolgus macaque escaped and attacked another cynomolgus macaque. Both macaques were injured. The escaped macaque sustained injuries to one hand that may lead to limited use of the hand. The attacked macaque received injuries to his lip and tongue and was ultimately killed because he failed to thrive after treatment.
- A rhesus macaque was sedated and placed on a warming pad for an imaging procedure. Four days later, thermal injuries were noted on the monkey’s right foot and tail. Necrosis of tissue necessitated the amputation of three digits, the tip of another digit, and the tip of the tail.
- A ferret had no water; it drank continuously for over 3 minutes once water was given at the direction of the inspector.
- A male ferret was observed scratching during the inspection. He had areas of complete hair loss on the front side of both front limbs. The problem had not been documented in the animal’s record.
- A tree shrew was seen repetitively flipping in circles. No medical evaluation had been done to rule out medical causes or to develop a treatment/behavior plan.
- A tree shrew had patchy hair loss along his entire tail. There was a sticker on his cage card that noted “hair loss” but there was no medical record to review.
- The hamster cage wash area was dirty and in disrepair. One room had heavy dirt, clutter, and rodent feces. Dirty supplies, a soiled mop, and dead roaches were observed.
- Multiple trash cans without lids were noted in the room containing discarded items along with dirt and dust.
- A large puddle of water with brown dirt in it was seen on the floor adjacent to some of the rolling racks. Water was seen dripping from in between two ceiling tiles, and the edge of the ceiling tile was stained brown.
- Two cages, each housing one tree shrew, had a thin electrical cord supplying light. A four-to-five-inch section of the electrical cording was exposed inside the cage, and the tree shrews had access to it. One of the electrical cords did not appear to be safely grounded.
- Plastic tubes used for ferret smoke exposure studies were visibly dirty with hair and residue; they were scheduled for use the next day.
- Several tree shrew cages were dirty, with excreta built up on perches, floors, and shelves.

Issues documented in a May 2024 USDA inspection report:

- A Syrian hamster was found dead, trapped between the food hopper and the lid of their cage. It was determined that the cage lid was closed improperly.
- A colony of 110 Syrian hamsters had been fed a diet of expired food for over a year.

 This facility also appeared in our 2024 Laboratory Animal Care Audit. In March 2024, this facility received an Official Warning Notice of Alleged Violation for the issues documented in January 2024. No fines or penalties have been issued to date.