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Caroi Papke

RE: Request for Information Pursuant to the California Public Records Act

Dear Ms. Papke,

On August 8, 2002 the California Regional Primate Research Center (CRPRC) received your letter, dated August 2, 2002, requesting information about an animal in their colony. Your letter was referred to me for response in my capacity as the campus Information Practices Coordinator since the CRPRC is part of the University of California at Davis.

In your letter you ask questions about a primate whose ID is 18714. The California Public Records Act requires that the campus make available for your review existing records that are responsive to your request and that are not otherwise exempt from disclosure. However, the University is not required to create a new record that responds to specific questions or to provide updates about the status of a subject.

The CRPRC is accredited by the Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC). All animals are maintained at the CRPRC in housing that meets the standards established by the NIH Guide for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals and the USDA Animal Welfare Act. All animals receive measles and tetanus vaccines during their first year in the colony and have health evaluations three times a year. Animals are fed twice daily and receive monkey chow along with supplements of fresh fruit and vegetables. Animals housed indoors receive toys and mirrors, while animals housed outside have climbing structures, swings and other cage enrichments.

Animals may be on a wide variety of projects at the CRPRC including studies on treatment and vaccination for pediatric AIDS, development of new infant formulas, and gene therapy for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. All projects are directed toward increasing knowledge of basic biology and helping to improve both human and animal health.

Thank you for your inquiry. If there are specific records you would like to request please let me know.

Sincerely,

Lynette Temple
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