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ANIMAL WELFARE COMPLAINT

Complaint No. #08-047	Date Entered 15-Nov-07	Received By Dr. Gibbens to Dr. Ridenour to Paula Bovee to Connie Morris Evelyn Celli
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Referred To Dr. Diane Forbes & Dr. Ridenour, SACS	Reply Due
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Facility or Person Complaint Filed Against

Name SNBL USA, LTD	Customer/License/Registration No. 91-R-0053/11124
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Address
6605 Merrill Creek Parkway

City Everett	State WA	Zip 98203	Phone No. (425) 407-0121
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Complainant

Name (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)	Organization
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Address

City	State	Zip	Phone No./Email address
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How was complaint received?

Details of Complaint:

On November 1, 2007, a primate (cyno) went through the rack washer at SNBL, USA in Everett Washington and wasn't noticed until the rack was removed from the wash.

Results: An inspection was conducted on 11/14/07 by Dr. Ridenour and Dr. Forbes. No non-compliances were observed during the inspection. The facility had conducted an internal investigation into the death of a cynomolgus macaque. According to the Attending Veterinarian/Director of Laboratory Animal Resources, an experienced lead animal caretaker failed to see the animal in its enclosure when it was pushed down the hall and into the cage washer. The animal had been contained in the bottom left enclosure in a rack of four cages (two cages in the top row and two in the bottom row). They believe the animal had moved into one of the upper rear corners of the bottom enclosure, then pressed its body up into the corner, and thus was not visible to the attendant when the rack was pushed into the cage washer. In an effort to prevent such accidents in the future, SNBL is instituting new requirements to ensure no animals are still present in the enclosures.