



Memo to the file
From: Denise Sofranko
4/17/02

On 4/9/02, myself, Sylvia Taylor, Elizabeth Kelpis, and Wes Cummings visited The Coulston Foundation to specifically inspect the chimpanzees that were housed in single cages. There are 14 chimpanzees housed in single cages at this facility. There is no approved justification based on medical, study or compatibility reasons for keeping these animals in single cages. This NCI was cited on the 2 earlier inspection reports.

A group of identically housed chimpanzees was recently moved to the Alamogordo Primate Facility at the Holloman Air Force Base and these animals' physical and behavioral records were compared.

The environmental enhancement staff at TCF has not been able to adequately follow the plan at this facility. This NCI was cited on 2 earlier inspection reports. These include:

- A decrease in interaction time with the animals (especially those in single cages) due to a shortage of caretakers. Enrichment personnel are being utilized to help clean cages.
- A decrease in the frequency of fruits (apples, oranges and bananas) that were previously used as treats or supplemental foods as an addition to the regular diet. These fruits are now only provided every other week.
- The staff is no longer able to purchase replacement manipulanda items for the animals.

This has affected the amount of time available to provide extra enrichment for the single caged chimps.

This facility is not adequately addressing the social or behavioral needs of these animals in accordance with industry and professional standards. Because of the long term housing in these single cages, these chimpanzees have not been able to perform species specific behaviors, including social and physical behaviors. These include normal social behavior such as conspecific grooming, play behavior, etc. Physical behaviors such as brachiating, normal exercise and full stretching are not possible in these cages. This has resulted in some of the following documented conditions and has caused physical and psychological suffering and distress to the chimpanzees.

Animals that have been held in identical housing at TCF and recently moved to APF have been found upon physical examination to have a number of physical and behavioral characteristics consistent with having been singly caged for extended periods of time. These include:

- Muscle atrophy



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- Contracted tendons
- Weight loss
- Possible bone demineralization due to vitamin D deficiency and lack of exposure to sunlight
- Excessive hair loss due to self over-grooming
- Possible hormonal imbalances or adrenal malfunctions that may be due to stress, lack of stimulation, and altered photo periods
- Depression or aggressive behavior due to lack of social interaction and stimulation

In addition, there are other conditions in these animals that can be attributed to inadequate medical attention. These include:

- Dietary deficiencies not adequately addressed
- Periodontal disease that is not being addressed medically
- Renal failure and cardiovascular disease that have not been addressed medically.
- Pinworm infestation not being addressed medically

After observing these 14 chimpanzees, Dr. Taylor and I observed the same conditions as noted by a veterinarian and behavioral expert from APF during an inspection the week of 4/1/02 and by physical examination of animals removed from identical housing. It can be deduced medically that the 14 chimpanzees remaining in single cages are suffering from the same medical and psychological distress as the ones recently removed.

There are several chimpanzees weighing over 50kg. There are no provisions being followed for these chimpanzees to express species-typical behavior as outlined above. This lack of opportunity to express species-typical behavior has resulted in conditions also outlined above that have been found in identically caged chimpanzees recently moved from this facility.

Because of all of these conditions, on 4/9/02, we had a meeting with Fred Coulston, CEO of TCF and he agreed to voluntarily release ownership of all 14 chimpanzees to NIH. Because of this, we did not pursue confiscation proceedings on the 14 chimps.

We Frederick Coulston and The Coulston Foundation agree to transfer all claim of ownership of the 14 chimpanzees listed on the attached document to NIH on 4/9/02 (National Institutes of Health)

We understand that this donation is permanent and we have no further claims or interests in these animals or any future offspring. of these animals listed. AMS

Signature Dr. F. Coulston

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Date 4/9/02

Date _____

Attention:
Dr. Gibbens

AMS

1495 Ricky

1587 Sakari

CA0218 Nicki

1588 Donovan

CB0087 Owen

CB0671 Jimmy

CB0339 Fun Face

1441 Sterling

1436 Angel

CB0376 Muna

CB0159 Peter

1435 Opal

CB0323 Ranso

CA0047 Rudy