

NZP IACUC MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: APRIL 25, 2001

In Attendance: Nichols, Hawes, Smithson, Cusimano, Gibson
Absent: Roberts, Jaszi

Old business:

- 1) Hallager's proposal was discussed again. Nichols related what Hallager had told him regarding the harnesses and capture procedures. Proposal was approved.
- 2) Cusimano reported that the duck to be used in the "Meet a Duck" program is hand-raised and imprinted on people. Thus, it will not be stressed by being so close to crowds of people.
- 3) Smithson reported that the macaques are being transferred from Monkey Island to the Propagation Building. There are concerns about the level of enrichment for these macaques in their new housing. Nichols will talk to Lisa Stevens (curator) about this.

New Business:

- 1) Discussion center on the recently-announced plans to shut down the Conservation and Research Center (CRC). This will potentially have a great impact on the IACUC at Rock Creek. Since the Dept. of Zoological Research is now under CRC, fate of Miles Roberts is unclear. The Rock Creek and CRC IACUC's may be combined or one of them eliminated. Too little information is known at this time.
- 2) Smithson reported that she had investigated a complaint about a cusimanse that died in March. This animal had been traumatized by cagemates and taken to DAH. After it had been treated, it was returned to its outside exhibit and appeared to be accepted back into the den. When the keeper returned the next morning, the cusimanse was found outside the heated den and had severe frostbite. It was treated but had to eventually be euthanized. IACUC members felt this was a very unfortunate and preventable situation. IACUC recommendations are to provide a second heated den in the enclosure and to also consider not keeping this species outside in the winter.
- 3) Nichols announced that Alison McGill, a veterinarian from Scotland who is staying in this area for at least a year, has expressed interest in serving on the IACUC as the "outside" member to replace Peter Jaszi

Meeting adjourned.