

INSPECTION REPORT – RESEARCH FACILITY

Under the *Animals for Research Act (ARA), R.S.O. 1990, Chapter A.22 and its Regulations*

Facility #:0197-01

RESEARCH INSTITUTION: LAWSON RESEARCH INSTITUTE

FACILITY NAME: ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

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OPERATOR: [REDACTED]

COPIES: [REDACTED]

DATE OF INSPECTION: August 15, 2025

EVALUATION

C = Compliant **NI** = Needs Improvement **NC** = Non-Compliant **CDI** = Corrected During Inspection
UA = Unable to Assess **NA** = Not Applicable

	C	NI	NC	Other
ADMINISTRATION				
Training of Personnel	X			
Plans/Reports/Records	X			
ACC Membership	X			
ACC Functionality	X			
Proposal Form (AUP)	X			
RESEARCH ACTIVITIES				
SOPs	X			
Identification	X			
Sources of animals	X			
Acclimation	X			
AUP completeness	X			
Records	X			
Procedures	X			
Surgery	X			
Monitoring	X			
Anaesthetics/Analgesics	X			
Training Personnel	X			
Endpoints	X			
Condition of research animals	X			
Euthanasia	X			
ANIMAL CARE				
SOPs		X		
Training Personnel	X			
Records	X			
Transportation	X			
Observations	X			
Animal Health	X			
Housing	X			
Health Management	X			
Veterinary Care	X			

	C	NI	NC	Other
Drugs	X			
Sentinel Program	X			
Infection Control	X			
Breeding	X			
Food/Water	X			
Waste Management	X			
Temperature/Humidity	X			
HVAC	X			
Lighting	X			
Bedding	X			
Environmental Refinement		X		
Aquatic System(s)				NA
Disposition/Euthanasia	X			
HOUSEKEEPING AND MAINTENANCE				
Records	X			
Caging/Racks/Pens/Stalls/Tanks	X			
Entry of drains/pipes	X			
Baseboards/Coving	X			
Floors	X			
Drains/Drainage	X			
Walls/Ceilings	X			
Windows/Doors	X			
Electrical Fixtures	X			
Casework/Millwork	X			
Alleyways/service aisles	X			
Cleanliness/tidiness	X			
Sanitation	X			
Equipment service and storage	X			
Monitoring e.g. autoclaves	X			
Location and construction	X			
Vermin control	X			

The facility inspected and named above, was in accordance with the Animals for Research Act (R.S.O. 1990, Chapter A.22) and its Regulations.

INSPECTION INFORMATION	
Purpose of Inspection:	Complaint
Accompanying Staff:	[REDACTED]
Species in facility:	Dogs, pigs & rats
Areas inspected:	Rms [REDACTED] & Outdoor Runs

DOCUMENTATION REVIEWED:	
Documents Reviewed - Records	#1780-F180, #1776-F176, #E752, #2021-120 & #E630 'Daily Environmental Parameters Charts'- August 2025; 'Monthly Cage Count Sheet' – August; 'FRM-029 form'; 'Pig EE Chart' – August; 'Dog Daily Record Sheet' – August; 'Log EE Sheets'; 'Dog EE Schedule'; 'Pig - EE Schedule'; 'Cage Wash Clean Side Checklist' - August 2025; '2025 SJHC Morbidity Chart'; '2025 Vet Visit Log' & '2024 SJHC Facility Calendar Log'
Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)	CLN-322, CLN-331, CLN-348, CLN-356, CW-444, CW-FAC-001, FRM-040, FRM-041, FRM--045, FRM-046, SJHC-58, SJHC-59, SJHC-ACF 'Animal Acquisition and Receiving', SJHC-ACF 'Environmental Enrichment for Canines' , SJHC ACF 'Housekeeping Procedures' & 'Animal Welfare Assessments'
Animal Care Committee (ACC)	Meeting minutes - February 13, 2025 & March 6, 2025
Animal Utilization Protocols (AUP)	#2020-0026, #2021-0069, #2021-0158, #2022-0018, #2022-0083, #2022-0170, #2023-0095, #2024-0116, & #2025-0032
Site Visits	November 11, 2023 & September 3, 2024
Post-Approval Monitoring (PAM)	March 19, 2023 - #2021-0069; November 1, 2024 - #2022-0001, #2021-0069 & #2022-0018; 'PAM Visits SJHC - 2024'; '2024 SJHC Facility Visit Calendar Log' & 'PAM Visits SJHC' - #2021-0069
Veterinary Reports	Veterinary Visit Logs - 2025
Other	CCAC Assessment Report 2024

GENERAL COMMENTS:

This inspection was a follow-up to an article published regarding a project utilizing dogs in a long term cardiovascular project at Lawson Research Institute, St Joseph's Hospital.

Please respond to the non-compliant and/or needs improvement items and include plans, progress and photos of how these were corrected and/or addressed and the expected date(s) of completion.

Your response would be appreciated by:
February 16, 2026

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

Inspector's Signature



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NOTES PERTAINING TO:

Institution: **LAWSON RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Facility Number: **ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL** **#0197-01**

Inspection Date / Number: **August 15, 2025** **#1-17572143476**

Date Report Sent: **December 31, 2025**

ANIMAL CARE

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs): Several of the SOPs requested were last updated in 2019 or 2020, including CLN-322, CLN-348, CLN-356. SOPs should be reviewed and approved every three years.

Environmental Refinement:

- Music provided for enrichment should be on a timer so it can be shut off overnight.
 - In the 'Log EE Sheets', the ACF staff recorded time spent daily socializing with the animals in Rm [REDACTED]. I suggested that the research team record their daily interactions with the animals.
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Your response to this inspection report would be appreciated by **February 16, 2026**.

Please include plans, progress, and photos of how the issues identified as needing improvement were corrected/addressed.

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