



The [REDACTED] Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday 24th June [REDACTED] /Microsoft Teams Hybrid option
Minutes

1. Attendance and apologies.

- Apologies: [REDACTED]

2. Minutes of last meeting:

- The AWERB committee minutes were accepted as true record of the previous meeting that took place on 27th May 2024.

Matters arising/Action points

- None tabled.

3. Presentations to the committee:

- **PPL amendment: A33-24:** The committee heard a presentation on the proposed amendments.
 - [REDACTED]
 - Concern was why [REDACTED], clarification requested from [REDACTED]
 - Ewes would not outgrow [REDACTED] compared to using [REDACTED]
 - If recovery study was to be considered [REDACTED] would need to be used

4. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB

- **PL05-24: (resubmission) comments and considerations: approved subject to final sub-committee approval**
 - Clarity was needed on when animals start and ends on the project licence and who has what responsibility
 - Noted that after discharge there will still be ongoing input from veterinary team but pilot study would end at that point
 - Information that would be given to the client now provided for PPL
 - Noted that consent form needs to be for specific study
 - Happy to send to subcommittee for approval

Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:

- A33-24 comments and considerations: approved subject to final sub-committee approval.
 - Justifications for using [REDACTED] as a model now clarified.
 - Happy to send to subcommittee for approval

5. Updates and Reports

• **BVS Director update:**

- Leaders in Openness: virtual tour to the facility filming already taken; we are now in the process of having content reviewed and uploaded on the website
- The first draft of the new guidelines on how to report animal studies on different media, e.g., scientific peer review, PhD thesis, has been circulated for comments to relevant BVS staff.
- BVS putting together two short courses on rodent breeding colony management and rodent genetics for PhD students, post-docs and early career PIs.
- Working on a communication policy within BVS to better communicate with scientists with help from CT.

• **NVS update:**

- Nothing major to report from Poultry, [REDACTED] arriving shortly for housing within the poultry facility. Procedural work will be conducted within [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED] currently dealing with a few issues with calf studies
- Health concern with some [REDACTED], working with the large animal practice
- Successful Home office audit last week
- Noted that as part of preparing for the audit a dangerous drugs audit was carried out
- Interviews taking place next week to fill NVS post
- Animal Research Data Officer starting next month

• **NTCO update:**

- None tabled

• **PEL Holder update:**

- None tabled

• **Edinburgh AWERB report:**

- Facility audit carried out, overall happy nothing major raised
- Very busy with licences
- Carried out NACWO training workshop focused on [REDACTED]

• **Reports from Facilities**

Farms/LARIF:

- Next cohort of [REDACTED] have arrived.
- Contract for next 5 years has been signed
- [REDACTED] studies completed and went well
- Ongoing issues with a PI regarding Home Office regulations

• **Poultry:** no report

• **Chick embryo room:** no report.

• **Aquaculture Facility:**

- Staffing good
- Facility issue with condensation been addressed and now resolved
- Couple of repairs needed, waiting on date for repair
- IVF study being run for salmon
- Recruitment process for position in aquatics at [REDACTED]

• **Ethics, 3Rs and the culture of care:**

- Culture of care event being held on 31st October, further detail to follow

6. Project Licences submitted to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

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Project Licence amendments submitted to Home Office since the last AWERB meeting

A28-24:

7. A.O.C.B: none

Date of next meeting: 26th August 2024 [REDACTED] Hybrid option via MS teams 1.30pm