



The [REDACTED] Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday 26th August [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 24th June 2024.

Matters arising/Action points

- None tabled.

3. Presentations to the committee:

- **PPL amendment: A49-24:** The committee heard a presentation on the proposed amendments.
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED] models and potential therapies
 - [REDACTED] are favored as similar to [REDACTED]
 - Benefits - New therapies and improved diagnostics with a greater understanding of underlying pathological processes

4. New PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB

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Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:

- **A49-24 comments and considerations: recirculate to sub-committee for final comments.**
 - Clarity was needed on which therapeutic substances would be used
 - Clear on what [REDACTED] did but not why more details needed
 - Happy to send to subcommittee for final comments

Overseas Research projects under consideration

- **Reference [REDACTED] –**
 - Study in [REDACTED] to monitor cardiac function and output during general anesthesia
 - Concerns around [REDACTED] anatomy variability, needs justification
 - Resubmit to next meeting with revised version
- Reference [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for information only (approved)

5. Updates and Reports

- **BVS Director update:**
 - None tabled
- **NVS update:**
 - [REDACTED] study involving high fat diet has experienced delays due to diet availability, approval being sought to extend the grants past expiration date
 - [REDACTED]: noted unlikely to be infectious
 - SOPs for controlled drugs progressing well
 - Appointed a new NVS: will be starting in November
 - Final facilities audit received, nothing major reported and everything has been addressed
 - 2 requests have been reviewed for [REDACTED]. One is for [REDACTED], which will be used for tech week and the other is for [REDACTED] to be used for post grad program on animal models
- **NTCO update:**
 - Been looking at training and assessments across whole establishment
 - Writing new SOPs in [REDACTED]
 - Working with the anesthesia team looking at how they are training their anesthesia residents
 - Recording training records electronically on tick@lab – training will be provided
- **PEL Holder update:**
 - None tabled
- **Edinburgh AWERB report:**
 - Introducing our Animal Research Data Officer [REDACTED] will start with looking at issues on tick@lab then will move on to returns
 - Edinburgh AWERB continues to be busy, had to hold emergency meeting in July due to volume of licences
 - 5 project licences coming to committee tomorrow and rest of the year looking busy

- **Reports from Facilities**

- Farms

- Everything going well, very busy
 - study completed last week, final meeting to look at condition 18s
 - models going through 18 month MRIs and PMs this week
 - PPL holder moving establishments but work will continue in facilities
 - coming in this week
 - Animal by products inspection completed.
 - Transfer note in place that records all waste that moves from to the vet school so that we have full traceability
 - NACWO planning to retire in 2025.

- **Poultry:**

- One study were hatched in to allow larger environmental challenge, – no plans to repeat
 - Cryopreservation of samples to capture whole population
 - Proposal for with a high health status – screening program to be put in place while they are here but still at early stages

- **Chick embryo room:**

- no report.

- **Aquaculture Facility:**

- AGRF are good, staff levels are fine
 - Still waiting on some minor repairs
 - 2 studies going on - one IVF with external contractor another looking at making
 - Testing Centre meeting was useful
 - Ongoing recruitment, still waiting for it to be finalised

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

- Culture of care event being held on 31st October, link to register will be sent soon

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

A32-24:

A33-24:

A37-24:

A43-24:

A46-24:

7. A.O.C.B: none

Date of next meeting: 23rd September 2024 [REDACTED] Hybrid option via MS teams 1.30pm