



The [REDACTED] Institute Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body

Monday 16th December [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 25th November 2024 with a few changes under the [REDACTED] facility section.

Matters arising/Action points

- None tabled.

3. Presentations to the committee:

- **PPL application (renewal) PL41-24:** The committee heard a presentation on the proposed licence renewal.
 - The therapeutic potential of in vivo derived [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] this is a continuation of a PPL that will finish in June 2025.
 - We have got the first in the world [REDACTED]
 - Two differences – One to take a blood sample from the [REDACTED] to allow to do a genetic comparison and two to keep a selection of female offspring after 11 months to breed from.
 - Would also like to ask if it was possible to put in [REDACTED]
- **PPL amendment A73-24:** The committee heard a presentation on the proposed amendments.
 - Current PPL runs until June 2025 – amendment is to use [REDACTED] s.
 - Plan to produce [REDACTED]
 - Donor will be [REDACTED]
 - Plan to blood sample the [REDACTED] to see if they have mycoplasma before they are treated and have protocols in place to treat if required.

4. PPL applications under consideration by the AWERB

- **PL41-24: comments and considerations:**
 - Ask why he thinks 3 embryos would increase chance of pregnancy.
 - Suggest submitting an amendment to age animals to breed from.
 - Amendment doesn't need to come back to committee

Amendment applications under consideration by the AWERB:

- **A73-24 reference [REDACTED] comments and considerations:**
 - Restrict it to short term work to be done in the next 9 months.
 - Re-submit to committee in January
- **A74-24: reference [REDACTED]:** No yet submitted.

PPL name change: for information

- **A82-24: additional availability PPL name change approved**

5. Non Regulated work (re-submission) reference [REDACTED]

- No objections or concerns raised.

6. Updates and Reports

- **BVS Director update:**
 - Guidance documents on communication and how to write your animal research experiments for publications are now both with [REDACTED] for comments. These will be circulated around the AWERB and [REDACTED] Committee.
 - External audit was carried out on 3rd December – this went well, they identified things that we need to implement, nothing major but would improve the facility for future Home Office inspection.
 - Finalizing the virtual tour of BVS animal facilities – will be circulated through this AWERB once finished.
- **NVS update:**
 - Last week NVS team gave an update to all animal technicians and NACWOS on how to manage different scenarios with [REDACTED] animals.
 - There has been an FOI asking for a timeline to phase out the use of animals in basic research.
 - One condition 18 in [REDACTED] where an undescribed adverse event occurred - form submitted.
 - [REDACTED] – some initial issues but progressing well.
 - [REDACTED]
- **NTCO update:**
 - There have been 270 attendees over last 5 months, who have all got through with a few still to do handling after Christmas.

- **PEL Holder update:**

- None tabled

- **Edinburgh AWERB report:**

- Last couple of weeks a few renewals have been close the line but are now in place.
- We had a straight forward amendment this year but unfortunately the inspector made lots of comments which were not constructive, this isn't normally permitted – sent a complaint to ASRU.
- 4 licences tomorrow at the Edinburgh AWERB.

- **Reports from Facilities**

- Farms:**

- - 6 have been identified for the next 6 months.
 - are difficult to bleed
 - 3 studies looking for surgeries
 - talk caused some confusion as but this has been dealt with locally after the meeting.

- **Poultry:** no report.

- **Chick embryo room:** no report.

- **Aquaculture Facility:**

- Staffing levels remain good in .
 - Training ongoing for BVS staff in aquarian maintenance.
 - Genetically edited is continuing with a view that these will be diseased challenged at seabass.
 - study has now concluded.
 - New PI chairing immunology will be starting in January.

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

- Planning 3Rs symposia for next year – date still be to be decided.

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

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A73-24: reference

A74-24: reference

8. **A.O.C.B:** none

Date of next meeting: 27th January 2025 [REDACTED] Hybrid option via MS teams 1.30pm