



Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board (AWERB) Minutes 13/09/2022

The University of Edinburgh

Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986

Minutes of the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body held 13/09/2022

Microsoft Teams

1. **Welcome** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for attending.– Apologies – **separate attendance log**
 2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 23/08/2022: approved**
 3. **Matters Arising** – The HOLC talked through interactions with ASRU relating to a licence that had been rejected for minor reasons. Current processes and lack of ability to speak to an inspector are a significant issue. Issue resolved following discussion with an inspector. PEL amendment in place and awaiting PPL
 4. **Presentation:: project licence application** – a new PPL holder presented on her application which uses [REDACTED]. In particular, training processes for surgeries, as agreed with the NVS, were explained.
 5. **Presentation:: presentation on proposed work with [REDACTED]**, agreed that this work could proceed.
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6. **Named person and Director updates**

Directors update:

- **Staffing:** Things going well. Recruitment now finished and all new staff in place. BVS BBQ team building event held by social committee and went well.
- [REDACTED]: Positive visit by funders to look at Rat Habitats.
- **Estates:** Good progress with all ongoing BVS Estates plans
- **AWERB HUB:** good meeting and interesting presentation using chicken eggs for tumour models.
- **Public Holiday:** 19th September BVS Facilities will have reduced staffing as per normal Public Holiday.

7. **Deputy Director's update:**

Included in Directors update.

8. **NVS update**

- The NVS reported on recent cndtn 18 reports and the committee were asked to consider the appropriate severity for a [REDACTED].
- **Culture of Care:** Save the date of 10 November 2022 AM, for Culture of Care event. Details to be finalised.

9. **NACWO update:**

- [REDACTED] **HSE Inspection:** Held 08/09/2022 No official report but initial feedback very positive.

10. **NCO update:** All going well.

ScotPIL Course: September course has 67 people registered including 10 for large animal course.



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NACWO: NACWO refresher training being held in [REDACTED] in November, we have 5 staff attending.

Home Office: attending a meeting to discuss PIL and PPL accreditation alignment throughout the country.

11. **HOLC update:** 33 PPL applications and 60 amendments already reviewed. Turnaround times with urgent amendments are good. An unusual occurrence of Cat E PIL that will be revoked once training has been undertaken.
12. [REDACTED] **AWERB update:** Deputy Director (HO/NVS) reported on second AWERB. Updated on requirement for Cat E PPL and related training and the review of the Large Animal Transgenic Production PPL.
13. **(a) Project licences under consideration:**

PL29-22: PPL application

The aim is to define the mechanisms through which [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. This application was approved.

(b) Amendments – for consideration by full committee:

none

Applications submitted and considered by the amendment Sub-Committee

Approved: A52-22

14. **Rehoming discussion:**
The committee heard a very detailed discussion on the rehoming of animals in line with Culture of Care in the establishments. Everybody involved so far agree process has been very rewarding. To pave the way forward a smaller working group to be put together and draft a document to bring back to AWERB for further discussions.

Date of next Meeting: 25/10/2022 10am MS teams