



Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Board (AWERB) Minutes 25/10/2022

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 25/10/2022

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- Welcome** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including a new member, and thanked them for attending.– Apologies – **separate attendance log**
 - Minutes of Meeting held on 13/09/2022: approved**
 - Matters Arising** – Culture of Care Event will take place on 10 November 2022. Rehoming Group discussions ongoing?
 - Presentation::** [REDACTED]

5. Named person and Director updates

Directors update:

- Replacement DBVS should be announced this week. Tidying up loose ends, focusing on Estates planning and active projects

Deputy Director's update:

- **Staffing: current staffing challenges were discussed as well as recruitment particularly for aquatics**
- **NACWO:** Deputy manager of aquatics is new NACWO in aquatics
- BVS will attend school careers fair including a previous MA to explain about the department and developing the young workforce with information from IAT 3Rs. Hoping for more applicants in next round of recruitment
- [REDACTED] presenting at Research Support Services Conference

6. NVS update:

- **Tamoxifen:** deadline set of March 2022 to phase out i.p. administration of tamoxifen.
- [REDACTED] **line:** noted [REDACTED] an amendment to the relevant PPL may be required.
- **WT lines:** [REDACTED] vets have been in contact with bacteriologists and samples will be submitted.
- **Potential non-compliance:** recent inspector advice received [REDACTED] [REDACTED] issue within a zebrafish facility also resulted in inspector advice and the matter is now closed.
- **Zebrafish egg exports:** there were some issues with the export of eggs [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

7. NACWO update:

- **Staffing:** two new starts within the facilities are doing very well, have adapted well from their previous positions.
- **Food checks:** there is an additional focus being made on the final Friday checks in rodent facilities which is working well



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8. **NTCO update:** two new BVS trainers have now been appointed. [REDACTED] courses are all running well, large animal course is now being run face to face and this will continue. Attended the home office accreditation meeting to look at standardising courses. A further meeting will be held and a policy update will be delivered in January.
9. **HOLC update:** HOLC attended the recent HOLTf forum meeting which was attended by the chief inspector and other members of ASRU, further discussions on the implementation of the change program. Some licencing issues in relation to the removal of statutory deadlines for assessment periods where licences are deemed not to be complete and correct which is causing delay.
10. [REDACTED] revising the study request form for applicants, this will be routed to the main ERF mailbox. Dealing with an amendment which has not been well justified and may not fit within the aims and objectives of the PPL

11. (a) Project licences under consideration:

PL33-22: PPL application

This was a very well written application with no major issues, some minor points are detailed below:

- Figures could be clearer within the application
- Additional details to be added from the review form

PL36-22: PPL application

This was a very well written PPL application from an experienced researcher, noted that the NTS was very well written and exemplary. Minor issues are detailed below

- There are a number of grammatical errors.
- Within the protocols some killing steps have been omitted, noted that this should be a final step in each protocol.
- Endpoints: More detail is required for some of the endpoints.
- NTS: some technical language included which should be revised, otherwise was well written.

PPL transfer: PPL number [REDACTED] change of PPL holder approved

PPL transfer: PPL number [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]: approved

(b) Amendments – for consideration by full committee:

A63-22: this is an application to add additional availability for the [REDACTED] for ex-vivo analysis studies. This is to permit the movement of animals [REDACTED] (whilst no clinical signs).

Applications submitted and considered by the amendment Sub-Committee



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Approved:

A31-22 (), A53-22 (), A59-22 ()

- 12. Animals in teaching:** noted that a review of teaching animals [REDACTED] was conducted previously. [REDACTED] we have produced a form to collect this information and ensure that both provision and use is appropriate, this should not require detailed review with the exception of when animals are obtained from out-with the establishment. It was also agreed that a review of the use [REDACTED] in teaching should be conducted again as it is 5 years since the first review
action: review the use of [REDACTED] going forward.
- 13. Publications involving animal work abroad:** The committee heard a presentation from [REDACTED] describing an analysis of publications involving animal work abroad published by [REDACTED]. The committee noted that this is a complex and challenging area owing to number of collaborations across the university. It may be impossible to keep track of all of these however special or unusual species are important to review. A new form and website has been produced to make reporting easier. May use facility forums to remind people about this
- 14. a) Retrospective review RR03-22:** Procedures mild overall, No finance to continue the work. approved

b) Retrospective review RR04-22: Generally well written review: approved
- 15. Lay membership –** New lay member joined [REDACTED] AWERB plan is for them to join [REDACTED] AWERB. Also in discussions to have a 2nd lay member.
ACTION – [REDACTED] Create guidance and plan of action
- 16. Move AWERB to 9.30am – 11.30am, put in place from November meeting.**

Date of next Meeting: 22/11/2022 10am MS teams