

UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW BOARD

A meeting of the AWERB was held at 11:00 on Tuesday 21st May 2024

Location:
online

Summary of actions

Item	Action	Due
4	contact new rodent member for initial introductory meeting with Chair	June 2024

Minutes

		Agenda item	AWERB Decision	
1.	11:00 (10 mins)	Welcome and apologies The Chair Welcomed members and apologies noted.		
2.		Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd April 2024 Agreed as accurate and approved for publishing.	Approved	AWERB/2324/37
3.		Matters Arising/Actions The Chair updated members that RIEC have approved for AWERB to publish minutes.		AWERB/2324/38
4.	11:10 (30 mins)	General updates <u>Establishment Licence updates</u> HOLC updated members that we have recently applied for the addition of a NACWO to the establishment licence, which has been approved. In addition, we applied for two rooms to be designated which have been approved. NACWO gave verbal summary as to why this was required. <u>Standard Condition 18 reports</u> HOLC updated members that we have had had 2 Standard Condition 18's submitted since the last meeting, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 x Unexpected death of Zebrafish larvae. This matter is now CLOSED by the HO. NACWO provided verbal summary.• 1 x Swordtail was euthanised. NACWO provided verbal summary. <u>Compliance issues</u>		

		<p>HOLC updated members that there have reported two potential non- compliance since the last meeting, neither resulting in any health issues for the animal: 1x NC –Lighting controls found out of sync. 1 xNC- Two cages identified without water bottles.</p> <p><u>Updates from Named Persons Meeting</u> NACWO gave summary of last meeting, including 3RS initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New CPD Website, including links and activities relating to 3H's and NC3R's. • discussed looking through SRF's to identify opportunities for 3H's before studies start. • Zebra fish workshop took place recently. <p><u>Update from BSU Board meeting</u></p> <p>Discussion took place around movement/switch over of departments/facilities. The board put forward additional AWERB member for rodent representation. AWERB agreed they were happy for recommended member to serve on AWERB.</p> <p>ACTION: HOLC to contact new rodent member for initial introductory meeting with Chair.</p> <p>Discussion took place around the Unsupported Procedures Policy and the processes in place.</p> <p><u>Estates</u> Preparation for switch over of departments/facilities taking place. Insecticide treatment being carried out in facility this week. Part of preparing facilities for switch over is providing for insecticide treatment for the next six years.</p> <p><u>CoC update</u> CoC Working group - working through outcomes. Various CoC initiatives include CoC activities being run, and integration with research projects.</p> <p><u>NTCO update</u> Training and Reassessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schedule 1 competency assessment in mice • Competency assessments for mouse genotyping • Competency Reassessment carried out for IV administrations in mice • PIL Practical session for rodent species PIL practical Session TBA for fish species • Refresher training and competency reassessments are being planned for a group wanting to carry out research using tumour model in mice. • Lunch and learn sessions for the BRF technicians currently being arranged with NVS • New CPD page has been launched, advertising upcoming courses and webinars. <p><u>HOLC update</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HO have published their annual report for 2022 and issued corrections to data. • several FOI's received recently. • reminded members that there is a webinar on Preparing for protest. 		
5.	11:40 (10 mins)	Named Veterinary Surgeon's visit (<i>verbal update</i>)		

		The NVS gave a verbal update to members about recent visit, including use of animals on PPL and breeding stocks, refinement, new initiatives in husbandry and POLE sites.		
6.	11:50 (10 mins)	End of PPL Review of AWERB/2324/39 AWERB reviewed and approved the End of PPL Form. AWERB asked, as matter of interest, whether outcomes were used to refine current PPL.	Approved	AWERB/2324/39a,b
7.	12:00 (10 mins)	Update on Chair's Action <u>Regulated</u> No regulated endorsed since last meeting although 6 are in the review process and 1 Home Office Retrospective review. <u>Non-regulated</u> None since last meeting, although one is in the review process.		
8.	12:05	Any Other Business		
9.	13:00	End		

Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 18th June 2024 Online