

NIO Report for 3Rs Committee 4th February 2026

Articles/News/Information:

NIO Alan White has retired, and recruitment for his replacement is underway. In the meantime, for any NIO matters please contact NIO Rue Jones-Green: tj222@cam.ac.uk

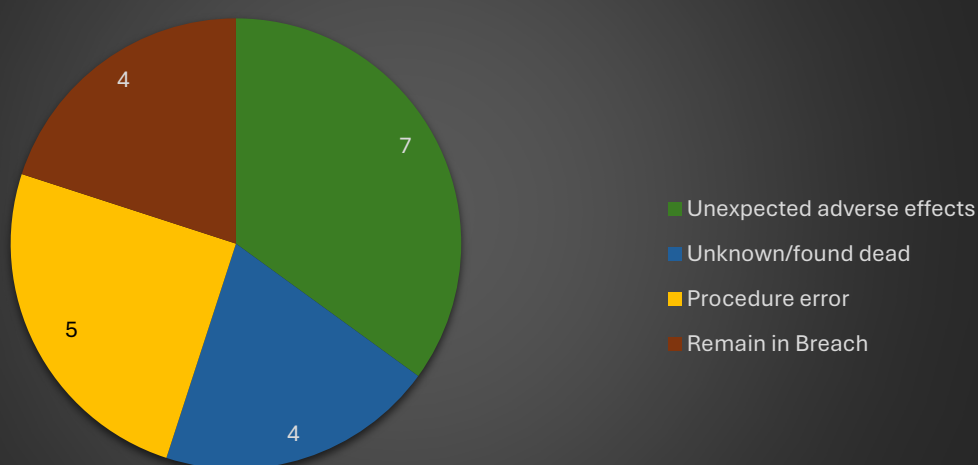
We are now preparing for the Cambridge Festival family weekend. It would be great to have help from researchers and UBS staff, so please get it touch with Rue if you could help on the day. This year the family weekend is on the 28th and 29th March.

For those working with rodents, we have a Colony Management Group that meets quarterly online. Some meetings are intended for technicians, and other are for both technicians and researchers. If you would like to join, please get it touch with Amelia Phillips or Julie Soffe

The RSPCA and LASA have published a new edition of the Guiding Principles on Good Practice for Animal Welfare Ethical Review Bodies. Please find it [here](#).

PPL Standard Condition (SC) 18 Report

12 SC18s for 20 animals for December 2025



-  Unexpected Adverse Effects: Any unexpected adverse effects that are not described in the PPL.
-  Unknown/found dead: Any animal reported as found dead where the cause of death cannot be determined from clinical observations or postmortem.
-  Procedure error: An error that has occurred due to an issue with a procedure carried, or not, carried out by an individual e.g. a mis-dose, incorrect counting, forgetting to feed, water or weigh animals
-  Remain in Breach: A SC18 report sent to request animals be kept alive to meet a scientific endpoint rather than killing them, in breach of specific PPL constraints i.e. a humane endpoint.