AWERB 3Rs Committee:

Minutes

1. Minutes
The minutes from the meeting held on 6th March 2024 were approved.

2. Matters arising
None

3. Retrospective Reviews

(a) - Support procedures for Neural Repair.
The committee discussed the following:
   • SC18 report containing inspector comments to be included.

(b) - Understanding how neutrophil migration behaviour is fine-tuned during inflammation.
The committee discussed the following:
   • Number of animals required should to be considered when writing a new application.
   • Typographical error to be corrected in section 3.1.

(c) - Generation of novel antibodies with therapeutic potential.
The committee discussed the following:
   • Support to be sought from NVS & NACWO to help refine practices to try and reduce the number of animals found dead.
4. **Project Licence Applications – New / Amendments**
   (a) **Targeting Fibroblast Heterogeneity, Plasticity and Functions in Pancreatic Cancer - SS Amendment, protocols 3,4,6,7.**
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Include that any animals showing clinical signs will be approved by an NVS before being deemed fit to travel.
   - Consider singly housing animals after transfer to minimise potential stress during transport.

   (b) **Determining mechanisms of tumour development and relapse following treatment - SS Amendment, protocol 6.**
   The committee discussed the following:
   - Simplify weight loss and time frame text.

5. **Standard Condition 18 Reports**
   Discussed recent SC18 data gathered between January 2024 and April 2024. April has been one of the lowest months for SC18 reports being submitted.

6. **3Rs information/reports**
   Discussed the EAE mouse refinement information. From has refined a process for mice showing signs of EAE.
   Found that cutting the side of the dish that the mice eat from allowed them easier access to the food. Shared some information in the meeting chat on this topic that he found on-line.

7. **Minutes of the AOC meeting 23/02/2024 & 22/03/2024**
   The minutes were noted.

8. **Minutes of the AWERB Standing meeting 28/02/2024**
   The minutes were noted.

9. **Any Other Business**
   RSPCA Road Map - Reminded the committee that the RSPCA are holding a workshop at on 4th and 5th June. The workshop focuses on reducing severe severity suffering in animals. Invites have been sent out to AWERB committee members. The deadline for attendance bookings is 10th May. Please email to book a place if you have not done so already.

   **Date of next meeting:** 5th June 2024 in person at