Minutes

Date Wednesday, 02/10/2019
Time 08.30am
To Committee Members
At
Subject AWERB 3Rs Committee

In Attendance:

Apologies:

1. Minutes
The minutes were approved.

2. Matters Arising
confirmed that issues with specific publications discussed in the last committee meeting were ongoing.
confirmed that would be attending the next AWERB 3Rs meeting in November.

3. Retrospective Reviews
(a) The committee discussed:
- Clarification required in regards to animal wastage in Section 2.7.
- Clarification required in regards to the scientific perspective of using more than one site per animal in Section 3.2.
- Several answers missing in Section 3.10.
- Further information around publications prepared and whether the 3Rs practices developed over the duration of the licence will be highlighted, in Section 4.8.

(b) The committee discussed:
- Review of animal numbers in specific categories in Section 2.1.
- Clarification of percentages for total animal numbers in Section 2.3.
- Further information in regards to specific refinements included in Section 2.3.
- Further information in regards to specific reductions in Section 3.2.
- Answers missing that need to be included in Section 3.9 and 3.10.

(c) The committee discussed:
- Clarification required in regards to animal numbers under Protocol 4 in Section 2.1.
- Clarification around first and second year’s animal numbers in Section 2.3.
• Further information in regards to specific procedures completed and numbers of animals used in Section 2.5.

4. Retrospective Assessments
   None

5. Project Licence Applications
   None

6. Severe Severity licence reviews
   None

7. Standard Condition 18 reports
   None

8. 3Rs information/reports
   [name] informed the committee that a UBS technician has developed a back scratcher for rats and is taking a poster they have designed to the NC3Rs IAT technician's symposium. [name] attended the LASA 3Rs section meeting on pain last week where he gave a presentation on the report 'In scientific literature of anaesthetic and analgesic regimens for non-human primates'. There was a zebra fish husbandry meeting that took place on the 1st October. The new Nora Copa newsletter is out and it contains new e-learning modules on anaesthesia from [source]. The EU Commission have created new posters covering guidance, education, training, project evaluation and severity assessment. The PREPARE guidelines have created a three minute film which shows those watching how to use the guidelines.

   [name] informed the committee that she and [name] plan to submit a device they have created to NC3Rs ‘Crack it challenge’.

9. Feedback from previous Retrospective Reviews*
   None

10. Minutes of AOC meeting*

11. Minutes of AWERB Standing meeting*

12. Any Other Business
   [name] distributed the updated Retrospective Review template which included the changes requested by the committee. These will provide further clarity around potential changes in licence holder, whether the 3Rs section has been updated and clarification around publications so only those that have arisen over the project licence have been listed. The committee accepted the changes but felt there was scope to capture further information around animal numbers and those which were bred and used specifically for scientific purposes. It was suggested that this information could be captured in the form of several questions or a flow diagram.

**Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 6th November 2019
*Items for information only unless un-starred by committee member