



ANIMAL WELFARE AND ETHICAL REVIEW

1.	March 2009	Initial Issue	
2.	August 2011	Amendment	
		Revision and approval by the University Ethics Committee	
4.	6 th June 2023	Review and re-approval by the Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body	

	Chief Operating Officer	Animal Welfare and Ethical Review Body	6 th June 2023
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This Process will be updated in 3 years

The Establishment Licence Holder (when present) will normally chair the AWERB, in their absence the Named Animal Care and Welfare Officer will take the chair. The Home Office Inspector shall also have the right to attend any meeting of the AWERB.

The AWERB shall be quorate if the core membership are present or have been included in any decision.

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- 6.4 Applications may be signed by the Establishment Licence Holder once an AWERB has been held, or favourable responses have been received from members of the AWERB.
- 6.5 Among the criteria used by the AWERB to assess applications will be the following derived from the 3Rs:

Is it clear that there are no valid alternatives to the use of animals in the work proposed?
 Is the number of animals which it is proposed to use appropriate i.e., large enough to produce a statistically valid result and not larger.
 What is the balance between the cost to the animals involved and the likely benefits to be gained by the research?
 Irrespective of the latter, are there ways in which the procedures could be refined to reduce the cost to animals without affecting the scientific validity of the project?

- 6.6 Project licence applications approved by correspondence will be reported to the next meeting of the AWERB.
- 6.7 Amendments to current project licences must be approved by the Establishment Licence Holder before submission to the Home Office. If, after consulting the NACWO, the NVS, an experienced project licence holder and / or an experienced personal licence holder, the Establishment Licence Holder is advised that the amendments are either trivial or advantageous to the animals then he/she shall have the authority to approve them and report them to the AWERB. Where the AWERB is consulted by correspondence, and if necessary an extraordinary meeting of the AWERB will be called. All amendments approved by the Establishment Licence Holder shall be reported to the next AWERB meeting.
- 6.8 Applications for secondary availability of project licences in the designated pailability

- 7.3 The AWERB will receive annual information about project and personal licence holders, technical staff, and others concerned with animal care, including training and staff development undertaken. The AWERB will review this information and will advise on how all staff involved with the animals can be appropriately trained and how competence can be ensured. The AWERB will also ensure that suitable resources are in place to facilitate this.
- 7.4 The AWERB will offer advice on any ethical matter relating to the use of animals under the Act within the University, and will receive and respond to expressions of concern (in confidence if necessary). In particular members of staff considering undertak1g0 G[()] TJET0000 214sethe Un

10.4 Minimum tasks of the AWERB

ASPA Schedule 3, Part 2, paragraph 6(3) stipulates that the AWERB must carry out the tasks set out in Article 27 of the Directive. These are to:

- (a) advise staff dealing with animals in the licensed establishment on matters related to the welfare of the animals, in relation to their acquisition, accommodation, care and use;
- (b)

