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ASPA e-Newsletter: April 2013

Home Office Website

Information previously published on the Home Office website has now all been transferred to the Gov.UK site. Research and Testing using Animals can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/research-and-testing-using-animals>

European Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes

The Directive was implemented in the United Kingdom and other Member States on the 1 January 2013. The revised Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 and the draft guidance to the Act explain what the amended legislation requires and provides detailed guidance to holders of establishment licences, project licences and personal licences and new licence applicants. It also provides guidance on severity classification and humane killing.

Both can be found on our website.

Consultations

The consultation on the draft Guidance ended on 15th March

The consultation on the draft guidance has now closed and we are working our way through the responses with a view to publishing a second version of the draft before the summer break.

Draft code of practice for the care and accommodation of animals

A [draft code of practice](#) on the care and accommodation of animals was published on 15 February 2013. The code of practice sets out the standards which must be applied by all users, breeders and suppliers of animals from 1 January 2013 to 31 December 2016.

If you wish to comment on the draft code, please reply using the [feedback form](#). The closing date for responses has been extended until the 8 May 2013.

Annual statistics on the use of animals for scientific purposes

This [consultation document](#) seeks your comments on proposed new arrangements for the collection and publication of data on the use of animals in scientific procedures required under Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes (the Directive).

If you wish to comment on the arrangements, please reply using the [feedback form](#). The closing date for responses has been extended until the 8 May 2013.

ASPeL for e-Licensing

Initial development of the new e-Licensing system to enable electronic applications for personal and project licences is now complete. We're now entering a period of intensive system testing prior to launch. In due course, stakeholders will be able to access the system both to draft and to submit their applications, and to track progress. However it may be up to five years before all existing licences are electronic.

National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research

Newcastle Consensus Meeting on Laboratory Animal Euthanasia 2013

[Registration](#) is now open for the Newcastle Consensus Meeting on Laboratory Animal Euthanasia 2013. This meeting presents an opportunity to hear the latest research findings on animal welfare aspects of various laboratory animal euthanasia techniques, followed by an extended discussion session of the issues raised. At the end of the meeting the aim is to produce a consensus view on the humaneness of various euthanasia techniques, as well as which areas are most in need of further research. Full details can be found at:

<http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/event.asp?latest=1&id=1909>

Newsletter

The latest NC3Rs newsletter can be found at:

http://www.nc3rs.org.uk/pubs_landing.asp?id=14

LASA: Supporting 50 years of progress in laboratory animal science and welfare

The LASA annual meeting will be held in London, 26-28 November 2013, and will be a joint event with all their partner groups involved with laboratory animal science, medicine and welfare. They will also be celebrating their historic achievements and looking forward to the future of laboratory animal science with meetings, special events and information throughout 2013.

To get involved or to register your interest email the LASA Secretariat: info@lasa.co.uk

Royal Society for the Preventions of Cruelty to Animals

The RSPCA Transgenic Training Working Group (TTWG) are asking if you could all spare 5 minutes to take part in a GA survey they've put together at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GASurvey071212>

The results of the survey will be used to identify and prioritise future projects and events going forward, so use this opportunity to tell them how best they can support your transgenic training and competency needs. The survey is 100% anonymous

and all the questions relate to genetically altered animal use within the UK. The more individual, establishment or organisational responses they get the better so you are welcome to pass the link on to any UK-based friends or colleagues. They thank you in advance for your help and support, it is very much appreciated.

Understanding Animal Research

The latest news can be found at:

<http://www.understandinganimalresearch.org.uk/news/>

FRAME News

The latest newsletter can be found at:

http://issuu.com/anneframe/docs/frame_news_70_easter_2013

Dr Hadwen Trust

The latest newsletter can be found at:

<http://www.drhadwentrust.org/>

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