

Summary Report of Farm Animal Welfare Committee plenary meeting Edinburgh, 19 June 2014

Introduction

The Committee was welcomed to Edinburgh by officials from the Scottish Government's Animal Welfare Team.

Items discussed

- Consideration of data on farm building investment, in relation to possible advice on housing and farm animal welfare
- Recent publication of two Opinions, on the welfare of farmed fish, and on the welfare of farmed fish at the time of killing
- Imminent publication of a Report on the evidence base for farm animal welfare: Part 1
- Detailed consideration of a draft Opinion on the welfare implications of nutritional management strategies for artificially-reared calves from birth to weaning
- Update on the study into farm animal welfare and sustainable livestock production
- Update on the reform of the farm animal welfare codes
- A presentation by Professor Cathy Dwyer of Scotland's Rural College on its animal welfare research programme
- A presentation by FAWC member Dr David Grumett on ethics in animal welfare
- A discussion of the issue of the availability of veterinary medicines
- Update on the recruitment of new members
- Updates on the ongoing work of FAWC's subgroups
- Updates on the activities of the Scottish Government and Defra Animal Welfare Team

Chairman's report

The Chairman had represented FAWC at a number of meetings and conferences. He had met Defra Animal Welfare Team Officials, the Chair of the Animal Health and Welfare Board for England and the Government Chief Scientific Advisor. He had attended the annual meeting of the European Forum of Animal Welfare Councils (EuroFAWC).

Next meetings

9 October 2014, London

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