

SCOTTISH ACCREDITATION BOARD

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It is a great pleasure to share with you the start of a “normal way of life” after all the COVID restrictions. More trainers are returning back to the face-to-face method of teaching with some trainers continuing to provide their training virtually or as blended learning, and this has proved to provide a flexible approach.

SAB continues to congratulate those who provide training to prospective Home Office Licensees and feel the quality of the courses are excellent.

A number of updates are listed below for your information and interest:

Latest updates

- SAB awarded part funding for members of three training providers to attend the UTG Training Day this year which was held in Cambridge. Please note, applications are welcome from training providers, for funding for training purposes. SAB are always happy to consider any applications.
- Cathy Godfrey attended the Universities Training Group meeting at the University of Cambridge on Thursday 22nd September.

- The next SAB Board meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th November. If you have any items you would like us to discuss, please email sab.clerk@gmail.com with details.
- SAB recently observed and endorsed the RAT Flair E-Learning modules EU10, EU11 and EU21 which can be used by training providers in their courses. These are excellent videos and articles and we congratulate Paul Flecknell and his team for their production.
- Stakeholders Accreditation & Training Group Initiative
A meeting has taken place between the Home Office and the three accrediting bodies to discuss the formation of a new Accrediting Bodies Group and a charter which has been produced by the Animals in Science Policy Coordination Unit. The proposal is that membership of this group will be expanded and they will meet approximately every 4 months. It is hoped that this will improve communication between the Home Office, trainers and Accrediting Bodies in the future.

Latest Website Updates

- Focus on Severe Suffering RSPCA - <https://focusonseveresuffering.co.uk>
- Animal Research News September - www.understandinganimalresearch.org.uk/news/animal-research-news-september
- UFAW - www.ufaw.org.uk
- European Commission - https://ec.europa.eu/environment/chemicals/lab_animals/index_en.htm
- FELASA <https://felasa.eu>
- Research Animal Training (Rat) - <https://researchanimaltraining.com/elearning>
- Interspecies Differences (Reducing the use of lab animals in Research - www.interspeciesinfo.com

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