

SCOTTISH ACCREDITATION BOARD

Newsletter January 2023



It is 2023 and the start of what we hope will be a very successful year. Now that the restrictions on face-to-face training have eased it has made it easier to adopt a more flexible way of teaching.

SAB are always very impressed with the quality of the courses they visit in whatever format used and hope the feedback provided to the trainers proves to be helpful.

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

Latest updates

- **SAB Board Meeting**

The next SAB Board meeting will be held in March 2023. If you have any items, you would like us to discuss, please email sab.clerk@gmail.com with details. The annual trainers meeting is also planned for March, details to be advised soon.

- **Stakeholders Accreditation & Training Group Initiative**
The next meeting to take place between the Home Office and the three accrediting bodies will be held on 24th January 2023 to discuss how the training and accreditation governance framework will work and also to agree on how that framework will set common requirements and expectations of all parties concerned.
- **SAB Website**
A website is being planned and trainers are asked what they would expect to see on the website. It is intended that a link to the trainers' websites would be included.
- **Adding species to certificates retrospectively**
Following a number of queries from trainers where requests had been made to add species to certificates retrospectively, it was agreed that each query would be looked at on a case-by-case basis and the trainees working experience will be looked at before advice is given.

Latest Website Updates

- Environmental Health Monitoring is a 3Rs Replacement for Live Sentinel Rodents: <https://www.na3rsc.org/health-monitoring/presentations/>
- Minimising aggression in group-housed mice: www.nc3rs.org.uk/mouse-aggression
- Skin swabbing: refining genotyping of small-bodied fishes: www.nc3rs.org.uk/fishswabbing
- Rat playpens: www.nc3rs.org.uk/rat-playpens

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