



Looking to the future



PENNY HAWKINS

ANIMALS IN SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

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Our first meeting ...





Collective actions

USER/INDUSTRY GROUPS AND SOCIETIES



- Discussion and analysis of severe procedures
 - e.g. why are they used; are these always severe across different labs?
- Systematic reviews of the translatability and utility of severe models
- Data sharing, to avoid any duplication
- Information sharing on refinement, humane endpoints etc
- EFPIA/RSPCA online event January 2022



The response to COVID-19 set a precedent ...



Higher-level, strategic actions

FUNDING BODIES, COMPETENT AUTHORITIES, MSs, EC

- **Stated commitment to work with the scientific community towards ending severe suffering**
- Targeted, strategic funding to (ideally) replace, or refine, severe models or tests
- EC Review of retrospective assessment of 'severe' projects [Dir Art 39(2)] – how well is this done?
- Special scrutiny of severe procedures on all species
- Regulatory bodies (e.g. OECD) should regularly review prescribed tests and prioritise 3Rs for those involving severe suffering

To think about ...

- What would a meaningful and achievable commitment look like, with respect to:
 - research funding, regulatory requirements, scrutiny of project applications, retrospective assessment, systematic reviews of the translatability and benefit of 'severe' models, data sharing?
- What could you do, as an individual, and what do you think other stakeholders could do?
- What could we achieve in another 6 years?