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**SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CAWC COUNCIL
HELD AT 10.30 AM ON 19 SEPTEMBER 2005**

Present: Lord Soulsby (Chairman)
Mrs S Bell
Mrs B Cooper
Lady Fretwell
Professor N Gorman
Mr M Herrtage
Dr J Kirkwood (Deputy Chairman)
Mr L Leather
Mr M Radford
Sir Colin Spedding
Mr W Swann

In attendance: Mrs C D Baldock, Dr B Svendsen, Mr A Waldron

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Professor S Ahmedzai, Dr A McBride, Mr R Mochrie, Mr P Scott.

2. ITEMS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed Mr Alan Waldron, who would be the new CAWC Secretary, to the meeting.

The Chairman tabled a copy of the Parliamentary Monitor, which he thought Council members might like to read.

The Chairman welcomed Dr Betty Svendsen, Honorary Secretary of the Welfare Fund for Companion Animals (WFCA), to the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of CAWC Council held on 11 July 2005 were signed as a correct record subject to a few amendments. The draft Summary of the minutes of the CAWC Council meeting held on 11 July 2005 was approved for distribution on the CAWC Website.

The CAWC Secretary had sent a copy of the CAWC 2003 Annual Report to Ms Helen Browning, the Chairman of the England Implementation Group, so that she would have some information about CAWC and what it did. It was agreed that the Chairman would write to Mrs Browning informing her of CAWC's activities.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) FAWC response to the Government on setting up an independent advisory body to consider the welfare implications to animals of phenotypic modification

The Deputy Chairman said he had not yet managed to arrange a meeting with the FAWC Chairman, although he was still trying to do so.

b) Proposed autumn 2005 meeting of the Liaison Group of Animal Welfare Advisory Bodies

The Deputy Chairman said the FAWC Secretariat had contacted him during the previous week to see if it would be possible to hold a joint meeting on 11 October, but neither he nor the Chairman had been able to attend on this date. They had asked the Secretariat to look at dates a little later in the year.

c) CAWC Treasurer and Secretary

The Chairman said the current Treasurer had resigned as Treasurer and as a member of Council. Mrs Barbara Cooper would take the Treasurer's role and the new CAWC Secretary would take over the day to day running of the accounting function.

d) New members of CAWC Council

The Chairman said a total of three new members, Dr McNicholas, Professor D Mills and Professor D Lamb, would be joining Council on 1 October 2005.

e) Possible New Inquiries

The advertising and sale of companion animals.

Council agreed that the Working Party on this topic would be set up in the early spring of 2006.

5. REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

- a) Council received the CAWC Income and Expenditure Report as at 10 September 2005. The Chairman said CAWC's Income and Expenditure was in keeping with that in previous years.
- b) Council received the Treasurer's Report for the meeting. Defra had paid the first instalment of its grant to CAWC in April 2005.
- c) Council received signed copies of CAWC's audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2004.

6. FUNDRAISING REPORT

The Chairman welcomed Dr Svendsen to the meeting, and said it had been agreed at the previous meeting that Dr Svendsen would be invited to attend the meeting to report on the progress of CAWC's fundraising.

Dr Svendsen outlined the donations so far received. Eleven organisations had contributed £21,000 for the first year and £18,000 for each of the second and third years, in addition to the Defra grant. Council agreed that within the next year Dr Svendsen might approach selected Trade organisations with a view to their giving support to CAWC. The Council felt that Dr Svendsen should attend future CAWC Council meetings.

7. POLITICAL REPORT

- a) **CAWC's response to the draft Scottish Animal Welfare Bill (SAWB).** CAWC's response to the Scottish Consultation, which had been circulated by email to members of Council, had gone into the Scottish AWB policy, which was making progress in Edinburgh. Council approved the CAWC Response to the Scottish Consultation. The Scottish Minister had given a commitment that the SAWB would be introduced within the next 18 months

The Chairman of the Working Parties on Enforcement and the Animal Welfare Bill said these inquiries were continuing. It was agreed that CAWC should produce a draft

Statement on what it saw as the basic principles of Regulation. It was hoped to send this Statement to Defra before the next Council meeting.

b) Attendance of a Defra representative at the 14 November 2005 CAWC Council Meeting

Council agreed that Representatives from Defra should attend part of the CAWC Council meeting on 14 November.

8. APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF CAWC COUNCIL

Council received a paper giving details of the appointment and re-appointment of CAWC Council members. The Chairman asked individual Council members to give thought to the nomination of suitable people for vacancies. It was agreed that Council members should be able to nominate suitable candidates for Council at any time, and that a list of names should be drawn up.

9. CAWC WEBSITE

It was agreed that the CAWC Website would be an item on the agenda for the November 14 meeting of Council and that details of the information available on the site should be provided for Council members.

10. REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

a) Companion Animals in Health and Social Care Institutions

The Working Party Chairman was unable to attend the meeting.

b) Un-Regulated Companion Animal Services in Relation to Training, Exercising and Care

The Chairman of the Working Party said it was due to meet that afternoon to finalise arrangements for publishing the Report. She hoped an Interim Report could then be circulated by CAWC.

c) Phenotypic Modification through Selective Breeding or Application of Modern Biotechnology, and the Welfare of Companion Animals

The Working Party Chairman said the closing date for comments on the Draft Interim Report had been 16 September 2005. So far he had received 13 responses and a few points had been raised that he would try to take on board. He hoped to be able to finish the Report by the end of the year and to launch it early in 2006.

d) Methods of Welfare Assessment for companion animals

The Working Party Chairman said he had a draft Report almost ready to go out to the Working Party.

11. CAWC ANNUAL REPORT 2004

Council considered the draft CAWC Annual Report for 2004. It was agreed that, with 3 amendments, the Annual Report was ready to be printed.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council agreed that 'The shortfalls of veterinary surveillance' was a topic that CAWC could address in the future.

It was agreed that, given the events in New Orleans and the welfare of the animals in the area at the time, Council should consider 'The impact of disasters on pets' as a long-term topic for a CAWC inquiry.

13. DATE AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Council would be held on Monday 14 November 2005. The Chairman said he hoped the meeting could be held at 2 Millbank, London.

It was agreed that the Chairman would email Council members with possible dates for the meeting in January 2006 so that, where necessary, members of Council could make their travel bookings in advance.

10 October 2005

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