

**RSPCA Pig Standards Technical Advisory Group meeting
on Tuesday 27th September 2022**

Meeting Summary Notes

Proposed new and amended standards

The group considered proposed changes to the *RSPCA welfare standards for pigs* for inclusion within the next revision of the standards, scheduled for the second quarter of 2023. The proposals related to several areas of the standards including environment, health and slaughter/killing. The proposals would be reviewed in light of discussions.

Issues and queries relating to the standards

The group discussed general issues and standards-related queries, including new standards related to the use of antibiotics, split-sex rearing, cull sows (including journey times to the abattoir), and emergency euthanasia of neonatal piglets. The outcome of the discussions would be used to inform proposed amendments to the standards, where appropriate.

Feeder space requirements

A detailed discussion was held regarding the standards relating to feeder space width, which were introduced as an addendum to the standards in March 2021. Feedback on difficulties with compliance with these new requirements was provided and a proposed way forward was discussed. Clarification on the issue would be provided in the next version of the standards.

Welfare Outcome Assessment data

A detailed review of the first five year's worth of welfare outcome assessment (WOA) data for pigs is currently being undertaken with data analysis ongoing. More detailed information would be available in due course.