

Interim Sheep Standards Technical Advisory Group Meeting
24th October 2024
Summary Notes

Tail docking and castration

The Group discussed the issues around tail docking and castration, and the use of pain relief for these procedures. Related welfare issues, such as flystrike, were also considered.

Pain relief

The RSPCA suggested a working group for further discussions about pain relief. Licensing and the role of veterinarians was also highlighted.

Transport and slaughter

The Group discussed the effectiveness of the current RSPCA transport and slaughter standards.

Codes of conduct

The RSPCA suggested that acceptable handling methods should be included in a code of conduct. Farm safety was also raised.

Other topics

Topics such as electronic identification, winter housing and the 5 Point Plan were discussed.