

## **RSPCA Beef Standards Technical Advisory Group meeting**

**1st July 2024**

### **Meeting Summary Notes**

The actions from the last meeting were listed and an update on their status was given.

#### **Food and water**

The Group discussed feeder space. Issues such as competition for feed, feeder width and the need for more data were discussed.

#### **Environment**

Topics such as enrichment, teat feeding, suckling behaviour and time on pasture were raised. The Group shared concerns about disease spread and the risks associated with turning calves out at inappropriate times of the year.

#### **Health**

The Group discussed lameness and mobility scoring. The practicality of the mobility scoring method was evaluated.

#### **Calves**

Space allowances and building quality for calves were discussed. The importance of good ventilation, temperature, bedding and cleanliness was emphasised.

#### **AOB**

Other topics, such as training, mortality reporting, virtual fencing and encouraging others to join the Beef STAG were highlighted.