

AASV Pig Welfare Committee Meeting

Saturday, March 1, 2014

7:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Room: City View 6

Agenda items:

- Introduction of committee members who have joined since last March
 - Dr. Jessica Bates
 - Dr. Meghann Pierdon

- AVMA Animal Welfare Committee update – Dr. Michelle Sprague
 - AVMA Sow Housing Backgrounder
 - AVMA Policy on Pregnant Sow Housing
 - AVMA Beta Agonist Backgrounder

- AVMA swine-related professional policies
 - To be reviewed this spring
 - Antimicrobials in Livestock Feed
 - Antimicrobials in Swine
 - Carcass Risk in Natural Disasters
 - Client Disposal of Controlled Substances
 - Pregnant Sow Housing
 - Currently open for public comment
 - As of January 1, 2013, all AVMA professional policies are open for comment by AVMA members year-round
 - All AVMA professional policies, including links to comment, are available at: <https://www.avma.org/KB/Policies/Pages/default.aspx>

- American College of Animal Welfare update – Drs. Tom Parsons and John Deen

- National Pork Board update – Sherrie Niekamp
 - Industry Audit Coalition
 - Systematic review of pain mitigation strategies for piglets
 - Manual blunt force trauma

- Database of literature on sow housing for reference from AASV website
 - Systematic literature review on sow housing

- Company welfare announcements and AASV response (or lack thereof)

- Welfare implications of PEDV infection
 - Mass euthanasia
 - Delayed processing procedures
 - Abortion