

Notes for Pig Welfare Committee

March 3, 2018

San Diego, California

Update on 3 action items from last year:

1. Antibiotic free production guidelines. Sub committee: Drs. Pierdon, Griener, and Baker. (Working with a subcommittee from the pharmaceutical issues comm.) Their final set of guidelines went to the BOD last fall. The board was appreciative of their work; their recommendation was to make the guidelines "less prescriptive and specific". The final draft of their work is attached to this email.
2. Boar safety. Sub committee: Drs. Tokach, Tully, and Kober (working with the boar stud committee). The boar stud committee is discussing boar euthanasia at the meeting this year. They feel that the PQA and TQA handling guidelines are adequate for boars so will not suggest other handling guidelines for boars.
3. Sow housing. Subcommittee: Drs. Sprague, Painter, Parsons, and Pairis-Garcia. The question was raised at last year's meeting if a separate position statement was needed for lactating females vs. gestating females. Many felt the current sow housing position statement covered both categories. The committee chose to leave the current position statement as written.

Work for this year:

There are 6 position statement we must review this year. They are included as attachments with this email. Our choices are to reaffirm (no edits), modify (edit), or sunset. Please review before the committee meeting and be prepared to discuss at the meeting.

Thank you so much for your work on the Pig Welfare Committee!

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