RCVS SETTING VETERINARY STANDARDS

Part 1 ASPA Flow chart together with non-exhaustive examples (Performance of procedures by veterinary surgeons)

(NB: The blue letters in brackets correlate to examples given in Part 2 of this document)

Is what you wish to do for the direct benefit **(a)** of the animal or **(b)** its immediate group?

→ Yes → Recognised veterinary practice (i.e. non-experimental clinical veterinary practices)

Not regulated under ASPA - Section 2(8)(b)

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No

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Is what you wish to do for the purpose of recognised agricultural practice or animal husbandry practice?

→ Yes**(c)** → Non-experimental agricultural practices and practices undertaken for the purpose of recognised animal husbandry

Not regulated under ASPA – Section 2(8)(a) and (c)

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No**(d)**

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Is what you wish to do covered precisely by an Animal Test Certificate under the Veterinary Medicines Regulations?

→ Yes → The administration of any substance or article to an animal for research purposes in accordance with an ATC granted under the Veterinary Medicines Regulations

Not regulated under ASPA – Section 2(8)(d)

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No

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Is what you wish to do for the purpose of identifying an animal?

→ Yes → Procedure not regulated by ASPA if it causes no more than momentary pain or distress (or none at all) and no lasting harm

Section 2(8)(e)

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No

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Is it possible that what you wish to do may have the effect of causing pain, suffering, distress or lasting harm above the lower threshold?

→ No**(e)** → Procedure not regulated by ASPA unless it forms part of a series or a combination of non-regulated of procedures, which together may have that effect

Section 2(1)

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Yes**(f)**

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Is what you wish to do being performed for a scientific or experimental purpose

→ No**(g)** → **Reconsider what you wish to do**

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Yes**(h)**

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You require a Project and Personal Licence before carrying out the proposed work

→ How? → Contact the Home Office for more information about the application process.

The Home Office strongly advises applicants to read the standard condition documents and to contact their local Home Office Inspector before applying. For more information see www.gov.uk/research-and-testing-using-animals