

## SJDAWC Evaluation Criteria

|                             | Outstanding  | Strong   | Moderate   | Insufficient   |
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| Relevance to animal welfare | Proposal includes outcomes that are directly relevant to animal welfare                        | Proposal includes outcomes that are relevant to animal welfare                                       | Proposal includes outcomes that are indirectly related to animal welfare                                   | Proposal is missing outcomes that are relevant to animal welfare                                     |
|                             | Proposed project is likely to lead to significant advances in the area                         | Proposed project is likely to lead to important advances in the area                                 | Proposed project will have some impact on the topic area   | Proposed project will have minimal impact on the topic area  |
|                             | The animal welfare problem being addressed is timely, severe and significant                   | The animal welfare problem being addressed is timely and/or significant                              | The animal welfare problem being addressed is important  | The importance of the animal welfare problem being addressed is not clear                            |
| Merit of proposal           | Proposed project is clearly presented, highly original and innovative                          | Proposed project is clearly presented and original   | Proposed project is clearly presented, but is missing originality and innovativeness                       | Proposed research lacks clarity, and/or is of limited originality and innovation                     |
|                             | Long-term goal(s) and short-term objective(s) are clearly described and attainable             | Long-term goal(s) and short-term objective(s) are described and attainable                           | Long-term goal(s) and short-term objective(s) are described but may not be attainable                      | Long-term goal(s) and short-term objective(s) are not clearly described and/or likely not attainable |
|                             | The animal welfare methodology is clearly defined and appropriate                              | The animal welfare methodology is defined and appropriate  | The animal welfare methodology is partially described and/or may not be appropriate                        | The animal welfare methodology is not clearly described and/or is not appropriate                    |
| Expertise of team           | The investigator and co-investigators have the expertise to successfully carry out the project | The investigator and co-investigators might have the expertise to successfully carry out the project | The investigator and co-investigators would benefit from additional expertise on the team for this project | The proposal is missing vital expertise on the team  |

## **I. Relevance to animal welfare**

1. The relevance of the outcomes to animal welfare
  - Does the proposal have an outcome(s) relevant to animal welfare?
  - What is the likelihood that the proposed project would result in improved animal welfare?
2. The potential impact of the project
  - Do the outcomes of the project have the potential to create an important impact in the area of study?
3. The severity of the animal welfare problem
  - What is the severity of the animal welfare issue to be addressed in terms of the type and degree of suffering, the duration of the harm, the numbers of animals affected, and the capacity of the animals to suffer?
  - Does the proposed work minimise the likely suffering or harm caused to the animals due to the project's design?

## **II. Merit of proposal**

1. Clarity and originality of the proposal
  - Is the proposed project innovative?
  - If this is a renewal, did the previous project meet its goals?
2. Clarity and feasibility of the proposals goals and objectives
  - Are the goals and objectives clearly stated, easy to understand, and directly aligned with proposed methodology?
  - What is the probability of achieving stated objectives within proposed time frame?
  - Does the study team have the appropriate facilities, equipment, and personnel to carry out the project?
  - Is the budget realistic and appropriate?
3. Clarity and appropriateness of the methodology
  - Are the proposed methods are clearly stated and aligned with the project objectives?
  - Do the methods include an animal welfare-related outcome(s)?
  - Does the project proposal contain a means of disseminating findings?

## **III. Expertise of team**

1. Expertise of the study team
  - Do the investigators and co-investigators have the expertise to complete the project?
  - Is any expertise missing from the study team?