Quality improvement plan objectives 2022-2023

The objectives in this year's quality improvement plan indicate where we will focus on improving quality from September 2022 to September 2023.

Knowledge sharing and implementation

- Give recommendations on optimising housing for various animal species
- Promote training of laboratory animals and ways to handle mice that cause them less stress
- Organise meetings for knowledge sharing
- Update databases of 3Rs Centre
- Share and implement national recommendations for *Good Surgical Practice* within UU/UMC

Qualification and competence

- Implement LifeLong Learning policy
- Develop a training course for competence assessors
- Become a leader in European-level advising on assessing competencies

Advising and auditing in the animal-experiment chain

- Subject audit: anaesthesia, analgesia and postoperative care
- Subject audit: equipment/supplies management and hygiene
- Subject audit: building/equipment maintenance systems
- Update breeding policy
- Optimise follow-up on audits and inspections

Responsibility in the chain

- Study the usability of self-assessment methods
- Implement internal pilot programme based on the *Roadmap to reducing severe suffering*
- Identify and audit new homes for laboratory animals
- Promote research free of animal materials

Processes and forms

- Further optimise use of Teams for AWB work procedures
- Optimise internal procedures for evaluating work protocols and monitoring welfare
- Identify and list processes and risks in CCD's retrospective evaluation of process and risk assessment
- Implement annual registration through ALURES, with special attention given to breeding registration

AWB Utrecht's own functioning

- Set up competence dossiers for AWB members
- Take part in peer-to-peer system audits