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Subject: FW: POD Question
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Hi Stephanie,

See Cia's reply to the questions you asked.

Patrick

From: Dr. Cia Johnson <CJohnson@avma.org>
Sent: Friday, September 17, 2021 2:09 PM
To: Patrick Webb <pwebb@pork.org>
Subject: RE: POD Question

Hi Patrick,

With regard to Resolution 8, as you know this was referred back to the Board of Directors to be referred back to the Panel on Depopulation. We anticipate this referral will happen shortly (in the formal manner). Of course, the Panel already knows this is coming.

The Guidelines for the Depopulation of Animals, as with the Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Animals, is a living document. The Panels associated with the Guidelines are also "live" and continue to do work with the documents until a new Panel is convened for a full review. Full reviews of the Guidelines happen every 10 years. Interim updates to the documents are handled by the existing Panels between those 10 year reviews (ie you are still the Swine Working Group Chair). Based on conversations with the Panel Chair, I anticipate that the Panel will respond to the Board thanking them for the referral. The Panel will most likely wait until a more complete set of data is published from the pandemic before opening the Guidelines for an interim review and potential revision. It does not make sense to open such a large, critical document multiple times in a short timeframe when we consider each revision must go out for a member comment period of 45-90 days. We know that there are several other research projects that have occurred or are in process that the Panel would want to see such as the ones on mass CO2, nitrogen-infused foam, etc.

In addition, we currently have the Guidelines for the Humane Slaughter of Animals open for review and proposed revisions. That document is anticipated to have a multitude of revisions and unfortunately, we only have a few staff people in the Animal Welfare Division. In terms of workload we need to get the Guidelines for the Humane Slaughter of Animals well into their revision before opening a second large Guidelines document. I know this is a practicality issue, but an important one for us on the staff side.

I hope this all makes sense to you. I'm happy to discuss this further with you on a phone call if

needed.

Have a great weekend,
Cia

From: Patrick Webb <pwebb@pork.org>
Sent: Friday, September 10, 2021 3:35 PM
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Subject: POD Question

Hi Cia,

I am getting some questions regarding the next POD to update the guidance. Any timeline for that? Will there be a nomination process like the last time? Also, what will be the process to address Resolution 8 (VSD+) to the AVMA Board of Directors for consideration by the AVMA Panel on Depopulation. Thanks in advance for the information.

Patrick

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