

BVA Working Group: scoping document**Terms of reference/scope**

Working Group	Animals in Performance Sport
Chair	Esther Skelly-Smith
Secretary (BVA policy team)	Mel Walsh
BVA Officer	Malcolm Morley
Members (divisions, individuals, Branches, EWAP)	<p>Julie Gibson – Policy Committee Emily Craven – EWAP Colin Gilbert - EWAP Rachel Murray – sport horse technician Heather Bacon – Dean of Veterinary Medicine, University of Central Lancashire Imogen Burrows– BEVA Kim Wells – Global Animal Welfare Dierdre Carson – equine vet and former BEVA President Barry Johnson – Horse Welfare Board Kate O’Sullivan – BSAVA Hazel Bentall - Society of Greyhound Vets Sarah Cochrane – greyhound vet Jane Williams – Horse Welfare Foundation Sam Gaines - RSPCA</p>

Aims/objectives	Develop a policy position to support BVA's response to the use of animals in performance sport.
Intended audience	BVA Members, Defra and devolved governments, general public, media.
Remit/scope and desired outputs (to be completed by PC)	<p>In developing the BVA position, the working group should consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the position will focus primarily on racehorses and greyhounds. • Managing the interests of competing stakeholders. <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within the first meeting, the Group will establish whether the specific focus is greyhound racing and horse racing, or greyhound racing and equestrian sport. • A policy position on the use of animals in performance sport.

Once the remit section above is completed it should be circulated to the divisions (via the BVA liaison email loop) and Branches to advertise membership and request input/expressions of interest, and to the WG retained list.

Existing policies/positions	Response to Scottish Government’s Consultation of Licensing of activities involving animals
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(BVA and/or divisions)	Response to BHA on use of the whip
Relevant research from AWF	

	Completed by PC and EWAP
Potential consultees/other sources of information/evidence	<p>Divisions to consult:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BEVA - BSAVA - Society of Greyhound Vets - Association of Greyhound Track Vets <p>Other consultees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Horse Welfare - Maddy Campbell - Greyhound Board of Great Britain - BHA and Horse Racing Ireland - Dogs Trust - The Greyhound Forum (Peter Laurie) - Association of Racecourse Veterinary Surgeons - FEI (Nat Warren) - RSPCA (David Bowles) - Simon Adams - Sarah Cochrane - Kenneth Clarke - Sport Horse Welfare Foundation - British Animal Rescue and Trauma Association - Thornton Greyhound Stadium
Legislative/policy differences in devolved regions of UK?	<p>The British Horseracing Authority is the regulatory body for horseracing in Britain, whereas Horse Racing Ireland is the governing body of horse racing on the island of Ireland and is responsible for the two racecourses in Northern Ireland.</p> <p>The two Northern Ireland greyhound racing tracks are also overseen by Greyhound Racing Ireland, as opposed to the Greyhound Board of Great Britain.</p> <p>The Welsh Government is launching a consultation on greyhound racing following the Senedd Petitions Committee publishing a report calling for the sport to be phased out.</p>

Local/regional nuances to be considered?	
Sustainability considerations?	
Diversity and inclusion considerations?	

EWAP initial comments on remit/scope/desired outputs/process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to note that this position will focus on regulated sporting activities. • Limit the scope of the WG to focus on racehorses and greyhounds
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<p>Timeframe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - approx how often will WG meet? - update to PC by X? - draft policy position to PC by 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings every 6-8 weeks • First meeting on 14 June 2024
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