

Commonly used abbreviations

Legislation

AHA	Animal Health Act 1981
ASPA	Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986
AWA	Animal Welfare Act 2006
HSW	Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
VMR	Veterinary Medicines Regulations
VSA	Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966
WCA	Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

People

AWERB	Animal welfare and ethical review body
ASC	Animals in Science Committee
HOI	Home Office Inspector
HOLC	Home Office Liaison contact
NACWO	Named animal care and welfare officer
NIO	Named information officer
NTCO	Named training and competence officer
NVS	Named veterinary surgeon
PELh	Establishment licence holder
PILh	Personal licence holder
PPLh	Project licence holder

PEL Schedule terms

LTH	Long term holding
NSEP	Non-sterile experimental procedure
POLE	Place other than a licensed establishment
SEP	Sterile experimental procedure
STH	Short term holding

Organisations

IAT	Institute of Animal Technology
LASA	Laboratory Animal Science Association
NC3Rs	National centre for the 3 Rs
RCVS	Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
RSPCA	Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Other

CD	Controlled drug
POM	Prescription only medicine
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice (quality control system)