



# Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986

## 1986 CHAPTER 14

### *The inspectorate and the committee*

#### **20 Functions of the Committee**

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Animal Procedures Committee to advise the Secretary of State on such matters concerned with this Act and his functions under it as the Committee may determine or as may be referred to the Committee by the Secretary of State.
- (2) In its consideration of any matter the Committee shall have regard both to the legitimate requirements of science and industry and to the protection of animals against avoidable suffering and unnecessary use in scientific procedures.
- (3) The Committee may perform any of its functions by means of sub-committees and may co-opt as members of any sub-committee any persons considered by the Committee to be able to assist that sub-committee in its work.
- (4) The Committee may promote research relevant to its functions and may obtain advice or assistance from other persons with knowledge or experience appearing to the Committee to be relevant to those functions.
- (5) The Committee shall in each year make a report on its activities to the Secretary of State who shall lay copies of the report before Parliament.