

## The behavioural response of weaners to introduction of new animal after various masking manipulations

### S u m m a r y

Three methods of joining the new animals with group of weaners were compared: after filling the pen up with plenty of straw, after feeding and after sprinkling the new animals with masking odour. The observations were carried out on three groups of animals housed by 6 individuals each, with straw and fed *ad libitum*. The experiment was conducted in two repetitions. Joining the new animal combined with filling the pen up with plenty of straw or feeding with additional food caused only significant increase in total activity. It can be concluded that masking function of additional feeding and straw diverted weaners' attention from the new animal. The number of aggressive behaviours in these groups of weaners was slightly higher than on the preceding day. Sprinkling weaners with odour (methylated spirit) was the least useful in diversion of weaners' attention from new animal. The number of aggressive events as well as the total activity of weaners after such treatment was high.