

PE2130/D: Make it illegal to remove all the hair from a horse's tail

Petitioner written submission, 30 October 2025

I would like the Committee to note that the Great Yorkshire Show, a very large agricultural and equine show, has now banned all horses with shaved tails from any competition and/or exhibition. I have had informal information that the Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is possibly supportive of the proposed ban. I was surprised that the Committee had not written to them previously asking their opinion, as they are the largest animal welfare charity in Scotland. Animal Concern is a charity that has been campaigning for a ban on shaving tails as well and has submitted a similar petition to the Westminster Parliament. There is a growing public demand to have the practice stopped as it has no medical reason for it to continue.