



The Scottish Parliament  
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## Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

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### ***By email only***

Dear Cathy,

### **PETITION PE1758: END GREYHOUND RACING IN SCOTLAND**

At its meeting on 20 April 2022, the Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee considered the public petition [PE1758: End greyhound racing In Scotland](#) submitted by Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation (SAGE). The petition calls on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to put an end to greyhound racing in Scotland.

The Official Report for the Committee's consideration of the petition can be viewed here: [Meeting of the Parliament: RAINE/20/04/2022 | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

The Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission in relation to the petition. Specifically, the Committee agreed to ask—

- for further information about the Commission's views about the welfare of greyhound racing in Scotland generally;
- more specifically, the Commission's views on unlicensed greyhound racing tracks operating in Scotland; and
- what consideration the Commission has given to including and/or prioritising this issue within its work programme.

The Committee would welcome a response by Friday 3 June in order to enable us to reconsider this petition before summer recess.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Finlay Carson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Finlay Carson MSP**

Convener

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee