



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Rural Affairs, Islands and Natural Environment Committee

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By email only

29 April 2022

Dear Sir and Madam,

PETITION PE1758: END GREYHOUND RACING IN SCOTLAND

As you are aware, 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 you in relation to the petition. Specifically, the Committee would appreciate further information about the provisions in place to protect the welfare of greyhounds being raced at Thornton Greyhound Stadium, including how their fitness to race is assessed, whether a vet is present to administer first aid and euthanasia, and whether drug testing is carried out.

I note that on 19 April and 22 April 2022, members of the Committee received emails from Paul Brignal and Sandra Bingham respectively, in relation to the petition. Please advise whether you wish these emails to be considered as part of your response to the Committee.

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

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