

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare

**DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED** (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)

28 June 2011

### DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM

19 August 2014

**DATE OF PRECEDING AGM** [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 12 months of the previous AGM]

24 September 2013

### DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED

18 September 2014

### GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures.

Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.

There have been three formal meetings of the Cross Party Group on Animal Welfare, one meeting of the sub-group on CCTV and one informal meeting (not quorate), since May 2013.

**24 September 2013**

**(1) AGM**

**Attendance: 4 MSPs, 32 non-MSPs**

An emergency resolution was passed at the AGM suspending the membership of Scotland for Animals for one year. Further resolutions were not moved. The Convener, vice-Conveners and Secretary were re-elected. The Secretary advised that OneKind wished to relinquish the secretariat at the next AGM.

## **24 September 2013**

### **(2) Meeting**

#### **Attendance: 3 MSPs, 26 non-MSPs**

Jim Wilson of the Scottish Government Justice Department updated the Group on Control of Dogs legislation. Members agreed to review the survey on CCTV in slaughterhouses and to arrange a meeting of the CCTV sub-group. John Brady of OneKind introduced a discussion on pet vending in Scotland.

## **10 December 2013 (informal – not quorate)**

### **Attendance: 1 MSP, 31 non-MSPs**

Members discussed themes for the planned CPGAW exhibition to take place in the beginning 12 May 2014. The Group resumed the discussion on pet vending begun on 24 September. It was agreed that the Convener would issue a press release on behalf of the Group advising against acquiring a pet for Christmas.

*[Clerks note: this meeting was inquorate and therefore classed as an informal meeting. No minutes will be posted onto the CPG webpage and this meeting does not count towards the requirements set out in the Code of Conduct that all Groups must hold two meetings per year]*

## **28 January 2014**

### **Sub-group on use of CCTV in slaughterhouses in Scotland**

#### **Attendance: 3 MSPs, 12 non-MSPs**

Beverley Williams of the Scottish Government gave the sub-group an update on the implementation of Regulation 1099/2009. Following discussion of legislation and/or guidance on the installation and use of CCTV, it was agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary for further information on the availability of guidance.

## **Tuesday 1 April 2014**

### **Attendance: 3 MSPs, 27 non-MSPs**

John Gaffney of North Lanarkshire Council gave a presentation on the licensing of animal establishments. Karen Gray of Rabbits Require Rights Scotland gave a presentation of welfare concerns identified in Scottish pet shops.

## **Week beginning 12 May 2014**

### **“Celebrating Animals in the Scottish Parliament”**

OneKind, Dogs Trust and a rota of associate members and dogs staffed exhibition stands in the Parliament for three days, attracting a good deal of attention. A total of 46 MSPs signed a Pledge for Scotland’s Animals. A Member’s Debate on Thursday 14 May was attended by CPGAW members, and followed by a photocall with the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Environment.

## **MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.

Claire Baker MSP, Scottish Labour Party  
Claudia Beamish MSP, Scottish Labour Party  
Alex Fergusson MSP, Scottish Conservatives  
Christine Grahame MSP, Scottish National Party  
Cara Hilton MSP, Scottish Labour Party  
Jim Hume MSP, Scottish Liberal Democrats  
John Scott MSP, Scottish Conservatives  
Alison Johnstone MSP, Scottish Green Party  
Elaine Murray MSP, Scottish Labour Party

## **NON-MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

For organisational members please provide only the name of the organisation, it is not necessary to provide the name(s) of individuals who may represent the organisation at meetings of the Group.

### Individuals

Patricia Neeson  
Patricia Saluja

### Organisations

Animal Concern Advice Line  
Association of British Riding Schools  
Borders Beasties  
British Association for Shooting and Conservation  
British Horse Society Scotland  
British Small Animal Veterinary Association  
British Veterinary Association  
Canine Concern Scotland Trust  
Campaign Against the Sale of Cats Online  
Cats Protection  
COSLA Animal Health and Welfare Strategy Group  
Dogs Trust  
Ethical Voice for Animals  
Glo-Wild  
Horse Rescue Scotland  
Independent Weimaraner Rescue & Re-Homing Service  
International Fund for Animal Welfare

	League Against Cruel Sports Marine Conservation International OneKind Rabbits Require Rights Scotland Scottish Government Rural Directorate (Animal Welfare) SAC Consulting: Vet Services Scottish Kennel Club Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals University of St Andrews World Horse Welfare
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**GROUP OFFICE BEARERS**

Please provide names for all office bearers. The minimum requirement is that two of the office bearers are MSPs and one of these is Convener – beyond this it is a matter for the Group to decide upon the office bearers it wishes to have. It is permissible to have more than one individual elected to each office, for example, co-conveners or multiple deputy conveners.

Convener	Christine Grahame MSP
Deputy Convener	Cara Hilton MSP; Alison Johnstone MSP
Secretary	
Treasurer	

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received from a single source in a calendar year which has a value, either singly or cumulatively, of more than £500. This includes donations, gifts, hospitality or visits and material assistance such as secretariat support.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

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Libby Anderson of OneKind provided secretariat support to September 2014. Cost to the organisation (estimated) £1,950 for time spent on CPGAW business.

Laura Vallance and Margaret Donnellan of Dogs Trust attended the Celebrating Animals week to run one of the Group's exhibition stands, at a cost to Dogs Trust of approximately £650.

### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

Please provide details of the amount charged and the purpose for which the subscription is intended to be used.

£10 per organisation/individual, for meeting and event expenses

### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

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