

Rural Affairs and Islands Committee
Wednesday 23 April 2025
13th Meeting, 2025 (Session 6)

Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill

Introduction

1. The Dog Theft (Scotland) Bill was introduced by Maurice Golden MSP on 17 February 2025.
2. The purpose of the Bill is to make dog theft a statutory offence. The Bill also includes other provisions relating to dog theft and the proposed offence. Further information about the Bill's provisions can be found in the [Dog Theft \(Scotland\) Bill Briefing](#) published by SPICe.
3. [Information about the member's bill proposal, including a summary of the responses to the consultation on the draft bill proposal, can be found on the Parliament's web pages](#)
4. The Committee took [evidence from relevant stakeholder organisations at its meeting on 26 March](#). The Committee will take evidence from Maurice Golden MSP on 21 May.
5. In advance of the Minister's evidence at this meeting, the [Scottish Government set out its views on the bill in a memorandum](#). In addition, [some stakeholders have provided written comments and these are published on the Bill's web pages](#).

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