



PUBLIC PETITION NO.

PE01671

Name of petitioner

Lisa Harvey and Andrea Goddard on behalf of Let's Get MAD For Wildlife

Petition title

Sale and use of glue traps

Petition summary

Calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to ban the sale and use of glue traps and boards in Scotland.

Action taken to resolve issues of concern before submitting the petition

Lisa Harvey and Andrea Goddard met with Kate Forbes MSP to discuss the possibility of banning the sale and use of glue traps in Scotland. Ms Forbes indicated she would speak with Roseanna Cunningham, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform about the issue before the summer recess.

Previous UK government petitions have failed in their attempt to obtain a ban of these products for sale or use.

Petition background information

Glue traps are cruel, indiscriminate, and cause immense prolonged suffering to any animal caught in them. The indiscriminate nature of these traps was illustrated by the recent case of a female blackbird discovered by a customer at a pet shop in Inverness. The bird had struggled to escape so desperately and for so long that she had pulled off one leg and most of her feathers on her tail and underside. She must have been in immense pain and distress.

Guidelines state that these traps be checked frequently and any caught animal be killed by a swift blow to the head. However, these are only guidelines, are often not followed and the animal dies slowly, overcome by its injuries, suffocation in the glue, or by starvation.

Glue traps often catch non-target species, such as wild birds, and guidelines for their use are often not followed. There is at present no regulation over these devices, they are for sale to the public and their use is not monitored to check compliance with guidelines.

A ban on the sale of these traps is necessary to stop animals from being trapped in these devices and suffering terribly. Even 'pest' species which may need controlled for hygiene or health and safety reasons can be trapped in much more humane ways, including those ways which bring about a swift death, minimising suffering.

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Similar UK wide petitions have been launched, which in itself indicates the scale of public abhorrence at their sale and use. We believe if the Scottish Government agrees to ban these products that this will set an important precedent for the rest of the UK to follow suit.

Glue traps and boards are banned in Ireland, New Zealand and the Australian state of Victoria.

Unique web address

<http://www.parliament.scot/GettingInvolved/Petitions/gluetraps>

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04 / 09 / 2017

Comments to stimulate online discussion

Help ban the cruel use of glue traps in Scotland to stop animals suffering slow and painful deaths.

We are petitioning the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to totally ban the sale and use of glue traps and boards in Scotland.