

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

<b>NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP</b>	
Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare	
<b>DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED</b> (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.)	
14 <sup>th</sup> June 2016	
<b>DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM</b>	
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	
<b>DATE OF PRECEDING AGM</b> [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]	
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>	
<p>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.</p> <p>Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.</p>	
20/06/17	<p><b>Attendance:</b> 2 MSP Members and 21 non-MSP Member</p> <p><b>Matters discussed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General discussion on issues covered by the group in the previous session including electric shock collars, CCTV in slaughter houses, snaring and cat neutering</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of proposed future presentations was compiled by the group</li> </ul>
05/9/17	<p><b>Attendance:</b> 4 MSP Members and 24 non-MSP Members</p> <p><b>Matters discussed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Seonaig Johnston on greyhound welfare. Export of Scottish greyhounds and welfare charities not reporting welfare incidents were highlighted. A Parliamentary Motion or PQ were proposed.</li> <li>• World Horse Welfare presented on general horse welfare issues including problems with the Central Equine Database, 'free to a good home' horses and lack of knowledge in owners. A PQ on the database was suggested.</li> <li>• The group was informed of a Private Members Bill enshrining the duties and obligations of those breeding dogs.</li> <li>• Puppy smuggling, Government legislative update and Tail Docking were agreed as future presentations.</li> </ul>
12/12/17	<p><b>Attendance:</b> 4 MSPs and 19 non-MSP Members</p> <p><b>Matters discussed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dogs Trust gave a presentation on the Scottish puppy trade, namely importing puppies from other countries. The Scottish Government have committed to a publicity campaign and the convenor is raising a Private Members Bill.</li> <li>○ MSPs provided updates to the group of their activities including fox hunting, electric shock collars, greyhound racing and CCTV in slaughterhouses.</li> <li>○ A Scottish Government representative provided the group with an update. This included a consultation on CCTV in slaughterhouses, the Circus Bill, consultation on sanctuaries and rehoming centres and research into the puppy trade.</li> </ul>
13/03/18	<p><b>Attendance:</b> 3 MSPs and 24 non-MSP Members</p> <p><b>Matters discussed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Battersea Dog and Cat Home gave a presentation on sentencing in animal cruelty cases outlining their case for increasing the maximum sentences. The MSPs in the group agreed to write to the Cabinet secretary to discuss how they can work with the Government to move it forward.</li> <li>• A brief general group discussion on fish welfare – it was agreed to discuss this further at a future meeting.</li> <li>• Fish welfare, Animal sentience and Cat Neutering were agreed as topics for the next meeting</li> </ul>
<p><b>MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP</b></p> <p>Please provide names and party designation of all MSP members of the Group.</p>	
<p>Christine Grahame (SNP)</p>	

Alison Johnstone (Green)  
 Colin Smyth (LAB)  
 Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD)  
 Emma Harper (SNP)  
 Gail Ross (SNP)  
 Gillian Martin (SNP)  
 Miles Briggs (CON)  
 Rona Mackay (SNP)

**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	Edna Elliot-McColl
Organisations	British Association for Shooting and Conservation - secretary Animal Aid Animal and Plant Health Agency Animal Concern Advice Line Association of British Riding Schools Blue Cross Born Free Foundation British Deer Society British Equine Veterinary Association British Horse Society British Small Animal Veterinary Association British Veterinary Association British Veterinary Nursing Association Canine Concern Scotland Trust Cats Protection CATSCO Compassion in World Farming Cruelty Free International Dog Warden Association Scotland Dogs Trust

Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home  
 Glo Wild  
 Horse Rescue Scotland  
 International Fund for Animal Welfare  
 Jeanne Marchig Centre for Animal Welfare  
 League Against Cruel Sports  
 Local Authority Scottish Animal Health and Welfare Strategy Group  
 Marine Conservation International  
 National Farmers Union Scotland  
 National Wildlife Crime Unit  
 Network for Animals  
 One Kind  
 Perth and Kinross Council  
 Rabbits Require Rights  
 Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)  
 Scotland's Rural College  
 Scottish Badgers  
 Scottish Countryside Alliance  
 Scottish Government (Rural and Environment Directorate)  
 Scottish Kennel Club  
 Scottish Land and Estates  
 Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals  
 The Kennel Club  
 University of Aberdeen  
 University of St Andrews  
 Weimaraner Rescue  
 World Horse Welfare

### **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 (SNP)
Deputy Convener	Alison Johnstone (Green) Colin Smyth (LAB)
Secretary	Nicolle Hamilton on behalf of British Association for Shooting and Conservation
Treasurer	N/A

### 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).

### SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

No subscription charged.

### CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS

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