

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.)
14 June 2016
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
Friday 9 October 2020
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
4 November 2020
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [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]
24 September 2019
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.
14 January 2020 was the last meeting, (the meeting in April 2020 was cancelled due to Covid19) 5. Fox & Mountain Hare Members Bill Ten thousand responses to the bill, about to draft analysis, need 18 MSP signatures. Legislate Mairi Gougeon, may be taken forward by Government. Public have a positive response.

Attendees –

Christine Grahame MSP (Convener)

Colin Smyth MSP (Deputy Convener)

Alison Johnstone MSP (Deputy Convener)

Elspeth Stirling	Cat Neutering Campaign,
Andy Swinburne	Naturewatch Foundation,
Gillian Docherty	Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation (SAGE),
Jaqueline Brown	SAGE & Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary,
John Burns	World Horse Welfare,
Leanne McPake	World Horse Welfare,
Patricia Saluja	U of Aberdeen School of Law,
Sarah Dolman	Whale and Dolphin Conservation,
Ben Parker	Battersea Cat & Dog Home,
Eve Massie	OneKind,
Romaine Pizzi	BVA,
Libby Anderson	OneKind,
Zofia Bekas	U of Edinburgh BSAS,
Tricia Colville	BVA/BSAVA,
Karen Gray	Advocates for Rabbit Welfare,
Rhona O'Malley	Advocates for Rabbit Welfare,
Adam Reed	U of St Andrews,
Henry Northmore	Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home,
Claire Wilson – Leary	Dogs Trust.

6. Environment Questions

Ministers support time for legislation to discuss hunting, caveat regarding Brexit, 14 mths left, previous legal constricts 1-3 to happen in 14mths

7. Greyhounds

Environment Committee re greyhounds petition committee “is it relevant to the bill”

Committee evidence on the issue timetabled in, update needed from Greyhound Board with regard to animal health and welfare not economic grounds.

SAGE Petitions Committee want to close the petition, will give evidence, first time for the petition, help for private sessions revealed.

Majority in favour of a ban section 26 Act, raise public awareness and Charities to push for National Campaign

Refer to Public petitions, need Members Debate.

Flapper Track

8. Roundtable on Wildlife Crime

Work needing done on wildlife crime & grouse moors to include REVIVE.

9. Welfare of Dogs Scotland Bill

Drafted, push Government for database for central, licenced breeder to wait 8 weeks for release, private breeders to be added. Litters to be reduced from 5 to 3 per year,

Legislation by the end of session - must be registered on central data base and micro chipped

Act of Parliament if answers still to be found, end of Feb not Nov as not to fail.

Bill to prevent the sale of puppies on Gumtree and puppy farms, must be KC registered.

Edinburgh Cat & Dog Home wants microchip updated when pet changes hands.
1 payment for Registration and chipping.

10. Stink Pits

Must be banned not legislated on, not political, Mairi Gougeon sympathetic.

11. Bull Calves

£60.000 Govt incentive to keep calves with their mothers and not to send abroad.

12. Rabbit Welfare

Consultation to take place on April 16, work is progressing.

13. Microchipped Horses

Established in 2009 for foals, there is an Equine National Data Base, numerous companies offer microchipping but Wetherby's hold the data base.

14. Petition on Cat Neutering

Elspeth gave update, Trap Neuter Return works but not on its own, Public Petitions Committee no decision yet, no date set. Petitions Committee stated experts had given serious evidence and a serious welfare issue had been raised.

Pursue the Committee to step towards legal requirement for Microchipping before Neutering?

15. Australia Write to Australian PM re; Animal Welfare.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Alison Johnstone Green Party

Gail Ross SNP

Christine Grahame SNP

Colin Smyth Labour

Alex Cole-Hamilton Liberal Democrat

Emma Harper SNP

Rona Mackay SNP

Miles Briggs Conservative

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	Emma McKenzie Christine Nevin Edna Elliot-McColl Dr Elspeth Stirling Seonaig Johnston Jane Stirling Romain Pizzi Elaine Henley Tracy Lygo George Leslie Nigel Miller Allan Sim
Organisations	Advocates For Rabbit Welfare Advocates For Rabbit Welfare Animal Aid Animal and Plant Health Agency Animal Concern Advice Line Animal Welfare Foundation Association of British Riding Schools Battersea Blue Cross Borders Pet Rescue Born Free Foundation British Association of Shooting and Conservation British Deer Society British Egg Industry Council British Horse Society British Small Animal Veterinary Association British Veterinary Association

Cats Protection
Compassion in World Farming Volunteer Group
Dog Theft Facebook Group
Dogs Trust
Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home
Edinburgh Napier University
Fostering Compassion
Horse Rescue Scotland
International Fund for Animal Welfare
Jeanne Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare Education
Kennel Club
MacRoberts LLP
MERC
National Wildlife Crime Unit
Naturewatch Foundation
Naturewatch
News Direct
Nourish Scotland
OneKind
PDSA
Perth and Kinross Council
Rabbit Welfare
Revive
Greyhound Welfare
SAGE Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation
Scottish Government
Scottish Kennel Club
Scottish Parliament (CPG Clerks)
Scottish Racing
Scottish Rural and Agricultural College
Society for Companion Animal Studies
SSPCA
University of St Andrews
West Pilton & West Granton Community Council

	Whale and Dolphin Conservation World Horse Welfare Battersea Cats Protection Scottish Badgers
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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	Alison Johnson MSP & Colin Smyth MSP
Secretary	Karen Coe
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.

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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.

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