

## 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>	
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	
<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]	
N/A – group established less than 13 months ago. (AGM would have been held in previous session)	
<b>DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED</b>	
27 <sup>th</sup> June 2017	
<b>GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES</b>	
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.	
14/06/16	<p><b>Attendance:</b> 6 MSP Members and 1 non-MSP Member</p> <p><b>Matters discussed</b> Brief meeting for the purpose of ensuring the group was quorate and could be re-established. Office bearers were elected.</p>

06/10/17	<p><b>Attendance:</b> 3 MSP Members and 27 non-MSP Members</p> <p><b>Matters discussed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cabinet Secretary's recent announcements on new animal welfare legislation involving electronic collars, tail docking, circus animals and an upcoming consultation on Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006</li> <li>• The previous session's legacy paper and which issues the group would like to focus on in the coming session. This included discussion on how to continue the groups work on CCTV in slaughterhouses</li> <li>• Interest expressed by groups wishing to give presentations at future meetings</li> <li>• Public awareness of factory farming in Scotland (a parliamentary exhibition was agreed by Compassion in World Farming)</li> <li>• Costs incurred by animal shelters when an animal is being held while a case of animal cruelty goes through the courts</li> <li>• The timeline for the Animal Health and Welfare (2006) consultation</li> <li>• Ongoing wildlife disturbance at the Ythan Estuary during the seal pupping season</li> <li>• A need for transitory and overwintering arrangements to be included in the Wild Animals in Circuses legislation</li> <li>• General Licences consultation regarding their use which ended shortly after meeting, group agreed to submit responses.</li> </ul>
13/12/17	<p><b>Attendance:</b> 6 MSPs and 22 non-MSP Members</p> <p><b>Matters discussed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by OneKind on their Mountain Hare Campaign and subsequent debate. A proper debate was suggested for a future date after the publication of the SNH Report on Mountain Hares</li> <li>• Presentation by Cats Protection on kitten sales</li> <li>• Scottish Kennel Club raised a planning application for a puppy farm in Ayrshire</li> <li>• MSPs reminded members they could advise them of any points they wanted raised in an upcoming animal welfare debate</li> <li>• Suggestions for future presentations at group meetings were taken which included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CCTV in slaughterhouses</li> <li>○ Animal Fostering services for those in crisis or who are ill</li> <li>○ The Bonomy Report</li> <li>○ Compassion for World Farming offered to do a presentation on their work</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
18/04/17	<p><b>Attendance:</b> 7 MSPs and 23 non-MSP Members (also 7 observers)</p> <p><b>Matters discussed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility of submitting a petition regarding CCTV in slaughterhouses</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation by Compassion in World Farming and discussion on possibility of the inclusion of animal welfare in the Good Food Nation Bill</li> <li>• Presentation by IAHAIO on and discussion around Animal fostering for those in crisis or suffering ill health</li> <li>• Cats protection campaigns on 'chip and snip' and 'better regulation of airguns'</li> </ul>
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**MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP**

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

- Christine Grahame (SNP)
- 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>British Association for Shooting and Conservation - secretary</li> <li>Animal Aid</li> <li>Animal and Plant Health Agency</li> <li>Animal Concern Advice Line</li> <li>Association of British Riding Schools</li> <li>Blue Cross</li> <li>Born Free Foundation</li> <li>British Deer Society</li> <li>British Equine Veterinary Association</li> <li>British Horse Society</li> </ul>

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
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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 (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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