

## CROSS-PARTY GROUP REGISTRATION FORM

### NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP

Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare

### PURPOSE OF THE GROUP AND PROPOSED DISCUSSION TOPICS

1. Please state the purpose of the Group.
  2. Please also provide a brief explanation of the purpose of the Group and why the purpose is in the public interest.
  3. Please also provide details of any overlaps with the purpose of existing Cross-Party Groups and an explanation of why, regardless of any such overlap, the Group should be established.
  4. Please also provide an indication of the topics which the Group anticipates discussing in the forthcoming 12 months.
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1. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for opinion and information-sharing about animal welfare; to raise awareness of the importance of animal welfare; where consensus is reached to make proposals to introduce or amend legislation concerning animal welfare and provide information for possible parliamentary questions and motions.
  2. This purpose is of public interest as it represents a broad spectrum of views on issues surrounding the complex subject of animal welfare. It provides a forum for these viewpoints to come together and seek consensus and discuss issues such as related employment, animal ownership and farming/ gamekeeping practices.
  3. We are not aware of any overlap in remit amongst the currently proposed CPGs for session 5.
  4. The group anticipates discussing a broad range of subjects given the scope of the subject, however the following issues have so far been agreed as meriting discussion in the coming year:
    - Use of CCTV in slaughterhouses
    - Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 – implementation and enforcement
    - Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 - update on implementation and enforcement, and related issues
    - Pet vending issues in Scotland and in particular the increased use of on-line.
    - Sentencing in animal cruelty cases
    - Any other issues arising which are pertinent to animal welfare in Scotland

## MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Miles Briggs (Con)

Alex Cole-Hamilton (LD)

Christine Grahame (SNP)

Emma Harper (SNP)

Alison Johnstone (GRN)

Rona Mackay (SNP)

Gillian Martin (SNP)

Gail Ross (SNP)

Colin Smyth (Lab)

## 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

Animal Aid  
Animal and Plant Health Agency  
Animal Concern Advice Line  
Association of British Riding Schools  
Blue Cross  
Born Free Foundation  
British Association for Shooting and Conservation  
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

	<p>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</p>
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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
Co- Deputy Conveners	Alison Johnstone MSP & Colin Smyth MSP
Secretary	Nicolle Hamilton, BASC Scotland
Treasurer	N/A

**FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS**

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) the Group anticipates

receiving 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.

N/A

#### **SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP**

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

N/A

#### **CONVENER CONTACT DETAILS**

Name	Christine Grahame MSP
Parliamentary address	Q2.01
Telephone number	(013134) 85729

#### **STATEMENT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT**

I declare that the Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare is constituted and will comply with the terms of Section 6 of the Code of Conduct for Members of the Scottish Parliament.

Signed	
Date	