

**PUBLIC PETITIONS COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PE1396
QUESTIONS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

TUESDAY 17 APRIL 2012

Scottish Government—

The Committee agrees that COSLA would be an appropriate body to take this work forward on a practical level but asks that the Scottish Government take a strategic lead in requesting that COSLA establish a working group to consider the issues raised in the petition (overbreeding and abandonment) not just in relation to Staffordshire Bull Terriers but in relation to all dogs.

TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2012

Scottish Government—

The Committee welcomes your willingness to take part in discussions with stakeholders to help resolve the issue of the unlicensed breeding and sale of dogs by certain members of society and the abandonment of these and any other dogs.

On this basis the Committee would be grateful if you would take the lead in establishing a working group, with relevant stakeholders, to discuss examples of best practice in tackling these issues and to identify how local authorities and other professional and voluntary organisations can work together to improve the current situation. The Committee would direct you to the examples provided by Angus and Clackmannanshire Council as part of the written submissions to the Committee in respect of the petition.

The Committee would appreciate you confirming that you will take this work forward, along with a draft remit and membership for the group along with a timetable for taking the work forward.

TUESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2011

Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the suggestion by the National Dog Warden Association Scotland regarding the introduction of a scheme to provide free or reduced cost neutering / spaying of dogs?
- In relation to the other six points made by the petitioner in the conclusion of his response, how could you take forward or facilitate / support others in taking these points forward?

Angus Council—

- The Committee would be interested to hear from you with regards to the work you are taking forward to tackle the issues raised in the petition.

Clackmannanshire Council—

- The National Dog Warden Association (Scotland) brought to the attention of the Committee the scheme you previously had in place along with local vets to provide free or reduced cost neutering / spaying of dogs. The Committee would be interested to hear from you on how the scheme worked and its level of success.

TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2011

The Scottish Government—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- Will you investigate the issue of the over breeding and abandonment of Staffordshire bull terriers, and, on completion of the investigation if you determine that there is a problem, will you take steps to prevent any problems continuing?
- Do you have any plans to extend or amend the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act 2010 in relation to over breeding of Staffordshire bull terriers or any other breed?

Scottish Staffordshire Bull Terrier Rescue—

Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals—

Canine Concern Scotland Trust—

National Dog Warden Association—

Dogs Trust—

Glasgow City Council—

South Lanarkshire Council—

Aberdeen City Council—

- What are your views on the issues raised in the petition?
- Can you provide the Committee with details of your own experience of the situation with reference to Staffordshire bull terriers?
- Are you able to provide us with information on the numbers of dogs that are euthanased in your area, and of those dogs how many are Staffordshire Bull Terriers (***question directed to the local authorities but if any others have any relevant information please include in your response***)