



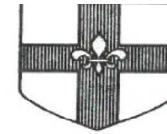
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Briefing on the Draft Animals Policy

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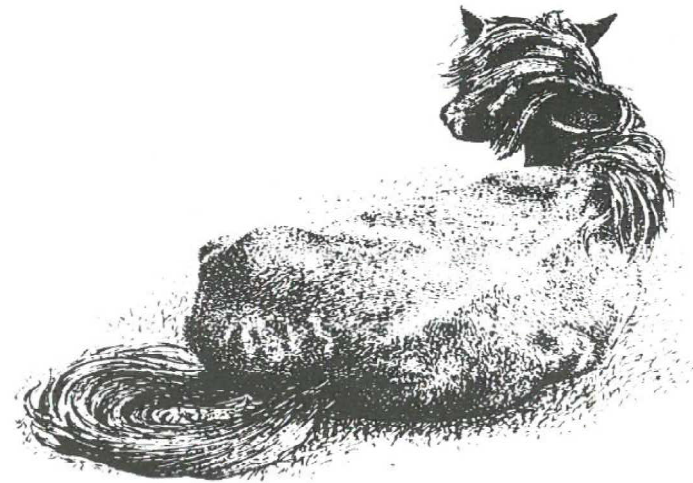
Animal Welfare Charter



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- Produced in the mid 90's (date not known)
- Strong statement on a range of welfare issues

A CHARTER FOR ANIMAL WELFARE



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The role of the Council

PPASB

- Animal Warden
- Pet Shop Licensing
- Animal Nuisance
- Dangerous Dogs
- Prevention of Damage by Pests

Licensing

- Boarding Establishments
- Breeding
- Riding Schools
- Dangerous Wild Animals

Planning

- Impact of development on the environment

Leisure Services

- Fairgrounds

Community Services

- Horses on the Common
- Management of open space
- Parks and areas of scientific interest

Policy overview

- Brings the Charter in to Policy
- Enables welfare views to influence operational decision making
- Provides detailed Policy information for PPASB services
- Ensures that welfare principles are applied in other policy areas (those not covered in detail within the document)



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Aims and Objectives

- Eliminate unnecessary suffering to animals
- Protect the public from dangerous animals
- Assist partners in effectively supervising the animal population
- Protect the public from health impacts and/or nuisance caused by animals



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Welfare Statement

Area	Message	Impact
Domestic Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of decision to buy a pet • Looking after a pet 	Continuation of current work in response to complaints and in conjunction with partners
Pet Shops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforce high welfare standards • Discourage the sale of pets at times where they are likely to be brought as gifts 	Continuation of current work with pet shops. Some pet shops already do this and others are prepared to introduce more stringent controls.
Puppies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects on government guidance re purchase of puppies • Resists sale commercially 	This would introduce a new effort to restrict commercial supply of puppies for the future (no licensee currently sells)



Welfare Statement

Area	Message		Impact
Control of Dogs and Cats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will work with partners and recognise our role• Makes a statement about the need for a licensing or registration scheme• Over-supply of cats		<p>Continuation of current work to manage straying, aggression and nuisance, at times alone and at other times in partnership.</p> <p>A statement about the need for a national registration or licensing scheme for dogs.</p> <p>No establishments selling kittens in the city, policy would require officers resist attempts to add to inventories</p>



Welfare Statement

Area	Message	Impact
Non-human primates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflects on government guidance • Recognises the complex needs of these animals 	Policy would require officers resist any efforts to sell these animals within the city
Importation of Pets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seeks to ensure pets or domestic animals are captive bred or sustainably farmed • Calls for stronger penalties for those who are convicted 	Officers will work with pet shops to identify any species that are not captive bred and seek to control this through inventory additions in pet shops
Animals as Prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States that buying a pet should be carefully considered and opposes animals as prizes 	Will ensure council land is not used for this purpose



Welfare Statement

Area	Message		Impact
Performing Animals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognises public feeling re performing animals• Calls for a ban on performing animals• Calls for a ban on non-domesticated performing animals in advertising		Will allow us to refuse to let council land for the purposes of performing animals.



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Welfare Statement

Area	Message		Impact
Wildlife	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognises the importance of wildlife in an urban environment• References SSSI, Nature reserve and CoL Local Plan• References to the importance of Bee's• Reference to waterways• Opposition to blood sports		<p>Commitment to receive reports and work with partners</p> <p>Supports commitments in the local plan</p> <p>Makes clear that Bee's are unlikely to cause a nuisance and should be protected</p> <p>Bans any blood sports on council land</p>



Welfare Statement

Area	Message	Impact
Snare and Traps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes production, supply and use of snares • Exemption where it is considered to be most humane method of pest control 	Officers will work with pet shops to ensure that supply does not commence
Conflict between wild animals and people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statements relating to pest control and use of most humane method • References legal standards 	Ensure that pest control done by the council will be humane and meeting national standards
Animal furs and skin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes the use of these (other than as by-product of meat industry) 	Makes a statement Restricts use of Council land in this regard



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Research and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes use of animals for cosmetic and household testing • Seeks to promote 'leaping bunny' certification • Encourage compliance with concordat on openness on animal research 		<p>Makes a statement as to CoLC views</p> <p>Requests new product acquisitions carries 'leaping bunny' (not pre-existing)</p>
Factory Farming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposition to factory farming where welfare is not primary consideration • Support restriction of mutilation, ban on beak trimming and ban on live export 		No operational impact, makes a clear statement on views



Welfare Statement

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Slaughtering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support ban on transportation of live animals for slaughtering• Supports need for slaughtering to be in close proximity to rearing	Statement of views
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strongly advocates the need for education within curriculum	Statement of views



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Policy Area - Dogs

- Covers
 - Strays
 - Lost Dogs
 - Microchipping
 - Dangerous Dogs
 - Dog Fouling



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Policy Area – Animal Nuisance

- Accumulations
- Prevention of Damage by Pests
- Noise
- Prejudicial to Health



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Policy Area - Horses

- Common Land
- Unlawfully Tethered or Grazing
- Riding Establishments

Policy Area – Dangerous Wild Animals

- Licensing function

Policy Area – Pet Shop Licensing

- Application Process
- Right to refuse license
- License conditions
- Inspections
- Complaints



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General Policy Areas

- Publicity
- Service Structures
- Court Process
- Victim and Witness support
- Perpetrator support
- Closing cases
- Seeking views
- Oversight
- Info Sharing
- Legal
- Policy Tracker



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