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Dear Minister,

Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill

Thank you for giving evidence on the Welfare of Dogs (Scotland) Bill at the meeting of the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee on 25 October 2023.

During the evidence session, you offered to provide further information in relation to the following –

- The Scottish Government's view on the scope of Part 1 of the Bill being limited to pets, rather than all dogs, and the lack of definition of a pet in the Bill; and
- Recent Scottish Government funding for public awareness campaigns to promote dog-related animal welfare.

The Committee would appreciate a response by 10 November 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Finlay Carson MSP
Convener, Rural Affairs and Islands Committee