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By email only

Dear Cathy,

PETITION PE1758: END GREYHOUND RACING IN SCOTLAND

I refer to your [letter of 23 May 2022](#) which set out the views of the Scottish Animal Welfare Commission with regard to the welfare of racing greyhounds in Scotland.

In relation to the Commission's consideration of the welfare of racing greyhounds as part of its workplan, your letter states that the Commission intends "to respond to this issue following completion of Dogs Trust's report on greyhound racing".

On 27 September, Dogs Trust, the RSPCA and Blue Cross [notified the Committee](#) of the completion of their internal policy review and change of policy on the welfare of racing greyhounds. Their letter states that, following their review, they "are calling for greyhound racing to come to a phased end" on the basis that "the phasing out of greyhound racing is the only way to safeguard greyhound welfare".

I would be grateful if the Commission could advise the Committee on how it intends to respond to the issue of racing greyhound welfare in light of the completion of the review by Dogs Trust, RSPCA and Blue Cross and their call for a phased end to greyhound racing.

The Committee would welcome a response by Wednesday 2 November.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Finlay Carson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Finlay Carson MSP

Convener

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