

CROSS-PARTY GROUP ANNUAL RETURN

NAME OF CROSS-PARTY GROUP
Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare
DATE GROUP ESTABLISHED (the date of establishment is the date in this parliamentary session that the Group held its initial meeting, where the office bearers were elected and not the date that the Group was accorded recognition. All Groups should hold their AGMs on, or before, the anniversary of this date.)
9 July 2021
DATE OF MOST RECENT AGM
Monday September 5 2022
DATE ANNUAL RETURN SUBMITTED
October 6 2022
DATE OF PRECEDING AGM [this date is required to aid clerks in verifying that the most recent AGM has taken place within 11-13 months of the previous AGM]
n/a
GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES
Please provide details of each meeting of the Group including the date of the meeting, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and the MSP and non-MSP attendance figures. Details of any other activities, such as visits undertaken by the Group or papers/report published by the Group should also be provided.
October 29 2021- Briefing from Andrew Voas, Scottish Government Veterinary Head of Animal Welfare on the government's programme relating to animal welfare issues. The main animal welfare commitments in the Programme for Government (Chapter 4) A Fairer, Greener Scotland: Programme for Government 2021-22 - gov.scot

(www.gov.scot) are:
July 9 2021-

Re-Establish the group meeting

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.

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

January 14 2022 –

Agenda item 1

Talk by Rhona O'Malley from Advocates for Rabbit Welfare

ACTION - Christine to draft a letter to Shirley Ann Somerville, Cab Sec for Education asking to add Animal Welfare to the Curriculum for Excellence in Primary Schools.

Agenda item 2

Presentation by Gill Donn from Abolish Greyhound Racing

ACTION – Gill to send her comments on the reply from GBGB, Christine will draft a response and circulate to all the members of the AW CPG. Also send response letter to GBGB.

Agenda item 3

Presentation by Sarah Dolman from Whale & Dolphin Conservation on Marine Animal Entanglement

ACTION – Finlay Carson MSP to update Maggie Chapman MSP on Rural Affairs & Islands National Environment Committee, Maggie to get an update on the Inshore Fisheries Legislation.

March 11 2022 –

Rebecca Knowles - "Farmers For Stock-Free Farming" followed by a Q&A

Ms Knowles gave a presentation on "Farmers For Stock-Free Farming" argument for livestock free farming,

Amro Hussain - Humane League, Fish Stunning followed by Q&A

Mr Hussain highlighted what they believe is a discrepancy where there is clear guidance for avoidance of unnecessary suffering at slaughter for land farm animals but not fish.

Rick Ackers - Justice for Reggie followed by Q&A

Mr Ackers highlighted this campaign to regulate online animal sales, by measures such as requiring both sellers and buyers to provide proof of ID.

Natalie Harney - Naturewatch Foundation, Canine Fertility Clinics. Q&A

Ms Harney highlighted concerns about canine fertility clinics, particularly where medical procedures are carried out by people with no veterinary training and basic "online courses" which purport to offer training in this area.

May 20 2022 –

Agenda item 2

Kirsty Jenkins, OneKind, Presented - 7 Principles of Ethical Wildlife 'Control'

1. Begin by modifying human practices
2. Justify with evidence
3. Ensure objectives are clear and achievable
4. Prioritise animal welfare
5. Maintain social acceptability
6. Conduct systematic planning
7. Make decisions based on specifics, not labels.

September 5 2022 –

Agenda item 1

Paul Reynolds, HART Wildlife Rescue, Avian Flu Presentation

Due to rescue centres not being able to take in birds, members of the public are taking birds home, which causes issues for spread of Avian Flu.

Christine Grahame MSP (Convener)

Colin Smyth MSP (Deputy Convener)

Alison Johnstone MSP (Deputy Convener)

Elsbeth Stirling	Cat Neutering Campaign,
Andy Swinburne	Naturewatch Foundation,
Gillian Docherty	Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation (SAGE),
Jaqueline Brown	SAGE & Scottish Greyhound Sanctuary,
John Burns	World Horse Welfare,
Leanne McPake	World Horse Welfare,
Patricia Saluja	U of Aberdeen School of Law,
Sarah Dolman	Whale and Dolphin Conservation,
Ben Parker	Battersea Cat & Dog Home,
Eve Massie	OneKind,
Romaine Pizzi	BVA,
Libby Anderson	OneKind,
Zofia Bekas	U of Edinburgh BSAS,
Tricia Colville	BVA/BSAVA,
Karen Gray	Advocates for Rabbit Welfare,
Rhona O'Malley	Advocates for Rabbit Welfare,
Adam Reed	U of St Andrews,
Henry Northmore	Edinburgh Dog & Cat Home,
Claire Wilson – Leary	Dogs Trust.

MSP MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

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

Siobhian Brown (SNP)
 Maggie Chapman (Green)
 Megan Gallacher (Con)
 Christine Grahame (SNP)
 Emma Harper (SNP)
 Marie McNair (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.

<p>Individuals</p>	<p>Christine Nevin Edna Elliot-McColl Dr Elspeth Stirling Seonaig Johnston Jane Stirling Romain Pizzi Elaine Henley Tracy Lygo George Leslie Nigel Miller Allan Sim</p>
<p>Organisations</p>	<p>Animal Aid Animal and Plant Health Agency Animal Concern Advice Line Association of British Riding Schools Association of Pet Behaviour Counsellors (APBC) Battersea Dog & Cat Home Blue Cross Borders Pet Rescue Born Free Foundation</p>

British Association for Shooting and Conservation
British Egg Industry Council (BEIC)
British Deer Society
British Equine Veterinary Association
British Horse Society
British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA)
British Veterinary Association
British Veterinary Nursing Association
Canine Concern Scotland Trust
Cats Protection
CATSCO
Centre for Animal Welfare Education
Compassion in World Farming
Cruelty Free International
Dog Warden Association Scotland
Dogs Trust
Edinburgh Dog and Cat Home
Farmers For Stock-free Farming
Fostering Compassion
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
Naturewatch Foundation
Network for Animals
Nourish Scotland
One Kind
PDSA

	Perth and Kinross Council Rabbits Require Rights Rabbit Welfare Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) Scotland Against Greyhound Exploitation (SAGE) Scotland's Rural College Scottish Badgers Scottish Countryside Alliance Scottish Government (Rural and Environment Directorate) Scottish Kennel Club Scottish Land and Estates Scottish Racing Scottish Rural and Agricultural College Scottish Salmon Producers Org (SSPO) Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals The Kennel Club The Society for Companion Animal Studies (SCAS) University of Aberdeen University of St Andrews Weimaraner Rescue Whale and Dolphin Conservation World Animal Protection World Horse Welfare
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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
Deputy Convener	Colin Smyth MSP

	Maggie Chapman MSP Meghan Gallacher MSP
Secretary	Karen Coe
Treasurer	N/A

FINANCIAL BENEFITS OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED BY THE GROUP

Please provide details of any financial or material benefit(s) received 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.

Details of material support should include the name of the individual providing support, the value of this support over the year, an estimate of the time spent providing this support and the name of the organisation that this individual is employed by / affiliated to in providing this support.

Groups should provide details of the date on which the benefit was received, the value of the benefit and a brief description of the benefit.

If the Group is not disclosing any financial information please tick the box to confirm that the Group has considered the support received, but concluded it totalled under the threshold for disclosure (£500).

SUBSCRIPTION CHARGED BY THE GROUP

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

N/A

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