

# **Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare**

## **24 March 2023 @ 2pm**

### **Minute**

### **Present**

Christine Grahame MSP, Chair  
Karen Coe, Secretary

### **MSPs**

Brown S (Siobhian), MSP  
Chapman M (Maggie), MSP  
Harper E (Emma), MSP  
Stevenson C (Collette), MSP  
Grahame C (Christine), MSP  
Golden M (Maurice), MSP  
Gallacher M (Meghan), MSP

### **Non-MSP Group Members**

Roberts A (Aimee)  
Rhona O'Malley  
Richard Woodward  
Freddy Bowen-Bate  
Helen Kenward  
David Field, RZSS  
Lauren Wards  
Stewart Donald  
Anna Boardman  
Mike Flynn, SSPCA  
Jamie Simpson  
Kate Parker  
Kirsty Jenkins, OneKind  
Caroline Robinson  
Romain Pizzi

Rebecca Doyle  
Tim Baynes  
Zofia  
Edna Elliot-McColl  
Libby Anderson  
Stirling, Jane  
Graeme - Animal Concern  
Keith Marley - The New Arc

## **Apologies**

Tess White MSP  
Elspeth Stirling, Scottish Badgers  
Dr Elizabeth Omerod, Chair of SCAS  
Sarah Johnston, EDCH  
Katy Clark MSP  
Marie McNair MSP  
Colin Smyth MSP  
Peter Clark, BASC

## **Agenda item 1**

Talk by  
David Field  
Chief Executive Officer, RZSS

## **Q&A**

Items discussed

Regulation of smaller zoos.  
The Otter Project  
Avian Flu and the impact it has on all birds (penguins cannot be kept indoors) the zoo shares data for research.  
Wildcat Project and problems with hybridisation.  
Vaccines for squirrel pox and DNA databases.

Bio Bank in the Zoo.  
Forensics for sheep worrying.

## **MSP Update**

Christine's Welfare of Dogs Scotland Bill due to be lodged.  
Shock Collars in Parliament.

Siobhain Brown MSP update Common Dolphin effected by climate change and entanglement.

Emma Harper MSP Outdoor Access Code to be shared widely

Maggie Chapman MSP Sealpup worrying is an issue and education needs increased, impact on all Marine Life.

## **Next meeting**

Members are happy with online meetings.

Members asked if they want next meeting to discuss Wildlife Management & Muirburn Scotland Bill proposed for next meeting and invite new Minister to discuss the Bill, REVIVE will also attend.

All members agreed.

Trip to Edinburgh Zoo may be a possibility.