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**Question 1:**

We propose introducing a ban on the commercial third party sales of puppies and kittens. By “commercial third party sales” we mean those who are licenced pet sellers; in Wales who hold a licence under the Pet Animals Act 1951. Our definition of “puppies” and “kittens” are dogs and cats up to 6 months old.

**Do you agree with a ban on the commercial third party sales of puppies and kittens in Wales?**

Please explain the reason for your answer and provide supporting evidence.

**Question 2:**

**Do you think that a ban should apply to any other animals sold in pet shops?**

Please explain the reason for your answer including which animals and provide supporting evidence.

**Question 3:**

**Are there any measures which could be introduced, other than a ban, which could address the welfare problems associated with commercial third party sellers?**

Please explain the reason for your answer and provide any supporting evidence.

**Question 4:**

Sanctuaries and rehoming centres are not legally defined but we will refer to them as animal welfare establishments for the purpose of this consultation. They charge a fee for the rehoming of animals in their care (but are exempt from current pet shop licencing because they are not commercial in nature). There is no legal requirement for checks to be undertaken and generally speaking, routine checks are not carried out by Local Authorities at these establishments.

Further, we have concerns that this may leave a loophole in the legislation to avoid a possible ban.

**Do you think there should be closer scrutiny of animal welfare establishments in Wales?**

Please explain the reason for your answer and provide any supporting evidence.

**Question 5:**

**Do you think sanctuaries/rehoming/rescue centres should be classed as a commercial third party seller in Wales and be licenced?**

Please explain the reason for your answer and provide any supporting evidence.

**The following questions have been asked as the Welsh Government have a duty to consider the effects of our policy decisions on Welsh Language, Equality and Biodiversity.**

**Question 6:**

**We would like to know your views on the effects that a ban on commercial third party sales may have on people with protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act 2010[[1]](#footnote-1). These characteristics are:**

* **age;**
* **disability;**
* **gender reassignment;**
* **marriage and civil partnership;**
* **pregnancy and maternity;**
* **race;**
* **religion or belief;**
* **sex; and**
* **sexual orientation. What effects do you think there would be?**

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**Question 7:**

**We would like to know your views on whether the ban on commercial third party sales could offer any opportunities to reverse the decline of biodiversity in Wales, in line with the Wales Nature Recovery Action Plan[[2]](#footnote-2).**

**What effects do you think there would be?**

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**Question 8: Welsh Language**

**We would like to know your views on the effects that banning third party sales of puppies and kittens would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favorably than English.**

**What effects do you think there would be?  How positive effects could be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?**

**Please also explain how you believe a change in policy could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.**

**Question 9:**

**We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not asked or have any comments please use this space to report them.**

Please provide as much detail as possible and any supporting evidence.

1. https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2010/15/contents [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/Nature-Recovery-Action-Plan> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)