



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

14 October 2019

Dear ,

ATISN 13434

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 September about The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Animal Exhibits) (Wales) Regulations 2020. You asked for:

- the Animal Welfare organisations who have displayed concern as noted in the Evidence for Change section of the consultation document; and
- a list of the 41 organisations represented at the 2018 Stakeholder workshops.

The information you requested is enclosed.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,

Welsh Government,

Cathays Park,

Cardiff,

CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

The Animal Welfare organisations who have displayed concern as noted in the Evidence for Change section of the consultation document.

The excerpt I understand you are referring to is as follows: *“There is concern from the Welsh Government and animal welfare organisations that the welfare of some exhibited animals is not routinely assessed”*. Please do let me know if this is incorrect.

Animal Exhibits vary greatly and some activities have seen greater concern expressed than others; for example, the Welsh Government has received intense lobbying about the use of wild animals in travelling circuses for many years. This issue is being handled separately to the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Animal Exhibits) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (“the Animal Exhibits Regulations”), with the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill introduced in the National Assembly for Wales in July of this year¹.

For the purpose of this Freedom of Information request, I have focused on organisations that have either commented on the lack of legislation for Animal Exhibits, or responded positively about the need for licensing or registration. This includes responses to consultation; notes of meetings or workshops; research and correspondence. Please note this feedback was received when the policy scope was limited to Mobile Animal Exhibits². I have not included information which is freely available in the public domain (for example, published research reports and news items), nor have I included details of those who are not ‘animal welfare organisations’ (e.g. commercial organisations or individuals) or where concerns of a different nature have been expressed.

I am unable to include instances where we do not have a written record (for example, a verbal conversation) or where comments noted in meetings have not been allocated to a specific organisation.

Animal Consultants and Trainers Association
Animal Protection Agency
Blue Cross
British Horse Society
British Veterinary Association
Captive Animals Protection Society
Circus Guild of Great Britain
Conservation Medicine Services
Dogs Trust
Four Paws UK
International Centre for Birds of Prey
Pet Industry Federation
Producers Alliance for Cinema and TV (PACT)
Professional Animal Encounters Association
RSPCA
The Hawk Board
Zoo Expert Committee

¹ <http://senedd.assembly.wales/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=25643>

² *The Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs announced in June 2019 the scope of the policy was being extended to all Animal Exhibits that meet a given criteria in law:*
<https://gov.wales/written-statement-animal-exhibits>

A list of the 41 organisations represented at the 2018 Stakeholder workshops.

The information you have requested is as follows:

A&S Animal Encounters

Albion Falconry
Animal Zone UK

BM Falconry

Born Free Foundation

British Horse Society
British Veterinary Association

British Veterinary Association (Welsh Branch)
British Veterinary Zoological Society

Caerphilly Council

Carmarthenshire Council

Countryside Alliance

Dagge Design
Denbighshire Council

Dogs Trust

Falconry Experiences

Falconry UK

Farmers Union of Wales (FUW)

Flintshire Council

Freedom for Animals

Gwynedd Council

Hawk Board
Hawks Drift

Heart of the Valley Show
Independent Bird Register

International Wildlife Consultants Ltd

Into the Wild Animal Encounters

Isle of Anglesey Council

Martin Jones Falcons

Newport Council

Origin Vets

Pant Glas World of Nature
Pembrokeshire Council

Powys Council

Quack Pack
Rhondda Cynon Taff Council

Rockwood Animals on Film

RSPCA

The British Bird of Prey Centre

The Owl Sanctuary

Wings of Wales