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TITLE Re-laying of draft Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021

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In order to address a small, but important, error in the original version laid on 27 January, with regret, I have to advise I will shortly be laying a new version of the draft Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Wales) Regulations 2021.

The overall intention of the policy behind these Regulations, which will replace section 1(1) of the Pet Animals Act 1951, is to reflect best practice in the sale of puppies and kittens. Allowing commercial third parties to sell puppies and kittens means, in most cases, purchasers will not see the puppy or kitten interacting with the bitch/ queen or the siblings.

Officials are working at pace to resolve the matter and a new debate date has been set for 23 March 2021. This delay is not anticipated to affect the coming into force date of these regulations which is the 10th September 2021.