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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 16 July regarding Petition P-05-895 Rosa's Legacy: The introduction of a scheme to help people access veterinary care for their companion animals.

The Welsh Government is committed to ensuring high standards of welfare of all animals kept in Wales, at all stages of their life. Animals should be protected from pain, injury, fear and distress.

It is important potential and existing pet owners consider the future when deciding whether or not to own an animal, including how to meet its welfare needs and the costs associated with doing so. However, I do understand people's circumstances can change.

In my Oral Statement in June 2018, I committed to explore what veterinary provision, assistance and advice is readily available to people who need help in caring for their pets. This could be during times of illness or emergency, such as fleeing from a violent household.

Welsh Government Officials have been in discussion with Animal Welfare Network Wales who are gathering information on the support provided by Local Authorities in Wales and are currently awaiting responses. Welsh Government Officials will review the report findings and recommendations as soon as it is made available.

Regards
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