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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 19 November regarding the Petition P-05-856 to ban the sale of puppies by pet shops and all commercial 3<sup>rd</sup> party dealers in Wales.

Following the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Groups offer of help to review the dog breeding regulations, the Task and Finish Group are in the process of engaging with a range of stakeholders to draw on their expertise, and a final report will be submitted for my consideration at the end of December.

The Chief Veterinary Officer met with Local Authorities to discuss the existing Regulations and any barriers to enforcement. The meeting took place on the 12 November and the Welsh Local Government Association was represented also. I have been advised the meeting was very productive and my officials are considering the next steps.

Additionally, we are developing a campaign aimed at prospective puppy purchasers highlighting the importance of sourcing responsibly which will be launched early in the New Year.

Regards

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