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Please find attached a revised briefing note ahead of the Cabinet Secretary's meeting with the Kennel Club this afternoon.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Thanks

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Subject: RE: Meeting with the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs, Food and Environment - Wednesday 4th November 2015. Ar faidhle/Our ref: 2015/0020036

Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for this – As this is quite a short meeting could we possibly try make the briefing a little more succinct? In particular Item 2 on the agenda 'Consultation on Electronic training aids' – could we have a one pager of bullet points with the key points on the consultation; when it started, finishes, etc.

My understanding is that we are consulting on 4 options? –

1. **Status quo** (Produce industry guidance for dog owners and trainers on the proper use of electronic training collars).
2. **Develop guidance or a statutory welfare code** (Produce a code of practice or animal welfare code under Sections 37 and 38 of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006).
3. **Develop regulations on the use of electronic collars** (Introduce regulations or legislative controls under Sections 26 and 27 of the 2006 Act).
4. **Ban the use of electronic collars** (Introduce regulations to ban the use of electronic collars in Scotland under Section 26 of the 2006 Act).

Grateful if you could provide us with this by lunch time tomorrow.

Happy to discuss.

Many thanks,

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[REDACTED]
Please find attached amended briefing for the Cabinet Secretary ahead of his meeting with the Kennel Club on Thursday.

To note the change in briefing is the inclusion of a short biography for [REDACTED], Scottish Kennel Club. No other changes have been made to the briefing.

Kind regards

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Thank you.

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[REDACTED]

I attach a briefing note for the Cabinet Secretary ahead of his meeting with the Kennel club on Thursday 28th January 2016. I have also attached a copy of the Kennel Club's response to the consultation which issued on the 6th November, for information.

Please note that I am awaiting a biography for [REDACTED], Scottish Kennel Club. I will send this to you once received.

I can advise that Andrew Voas and I will attend the meeting next Thursday.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your patience, can we please go for the date and time of 28/01 at 14.00? I will get back to Andrew Voas at the beginning of the New Year to confirm what we would like to discuss with the Cabinet Secretary, and confirm attendees as I'm still waiting for confirmation from one partner.

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Very best wishes

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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Hi [REDACTED]

It's ok I know how difficult it can be, those slots are still available and held in the diary.

Thanks

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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Apologies that I've not been in touch sooner to arrange a date for a meeting with the Cabinet Secretary. Trying to liaise with my fellow stakeholders has proved tricky. I suspect that these slots have now gone, perhaps I can come back to you at the start of the new year for some new potential dates. Very sorry for this.

Best wishes and Happy Christmas

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Morning [redacted]

I can offer up the following slots for a meeting with Mr Lochhead at the Scottish Parliament.

6/01 15:00
7/01 11:00
28/01 14:00

Please could you let me know what date suits best and also let Mr Voas who is copied in know what you wish to discuss with Mr Lochhead.

Many thanks

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Hi,

I am hoping to rearrange a meeting between the Kennel Club and some fellow dog sector stakeholders with the Cabinet Secretary. We had been scheduled to meet with him on the 4th November, but unfortunately due [redacted] he had to cancel the meeting. (Ar faidhle/Our ref: 2015/0020036)

We would very much welcome the opportunity to rearrange the meeting date.

Kind regards

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[REDACTED]

The Cabinet Secretary's office has asked me to let you know that unfortunately the meeting with him on the afternoon of 4 November will have to be cancelled. Due to [REDACTED] lot of his meetings this week are having to be rearranged so it will be better to cancel this now rather than at the last minute. It should be possible for you to arrange another date if you contact his office again in a week or so.

We will proceed with the stakeholder meeting at 10.30 on 4 November – we will send further details shortly.

Regards
Andrew

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BRIEFING NOTE FOR CABINET SECRETARY FOR RURAL AFFAIRS, FOOD AND ENVIRONMENT

Meeting with the Kennel Club to discuss Electronic Training Aids in Scotland - 28 January 2016

Key Message	The Scottish Government takes animal welfare seriously and on the 6th November 2015 issued a public consultation seeking additional views around electronic training aids in Scotland. The last date for consultation responses is Friday 29 th January 2016.
Who	██████████ Public Affairs Officer, The Kennel Club ██████████ The Scottish Kennel Club ██████████ The Dogs Trust
What	<p>The Scottish Government issued a consultation on 6th November 2015 seeking the public's views on additional controls around electronic training aids.</p> <p>The Kennel Club have changed their position on shock and vibration collars since the initial consultation in 2007 on this issue and are now in favour of a complete ban.</p> <p>The Cabinet Secretary shares the strong concerns expressed by some stakeholders regarding the potential misuse of these devices.</p>
Why	██████████ wrote to Kenneth Gibson MSP on 23 rd April 2015 to request a meeting with a small delegation of cross-party MSP's to discuss the Scottish Government's position on shock and vibration collars. This request was forwarded to the Cabinet Secretary by Christine Grahame MSP on 8 th June 2015. ██████████ attended the Animal Welfare Cross Party working Group on 29 th September 2015 where progress on Electronic Training Aids was discussed briefly.
Where	TG.23, The Scottish Parliament
When	Thursday 28 th January 2016 – 14:00 – 14:30
Media	None
Supporting Official	Andrew Voas ██████████ ██████████

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AGENDA

Meeting with the Kennel Club to discuss the Scottish Government's position on the use of electronic training aids in Scotland

Thursday 28th January 2016 – 14:00 – 14:30

TG.23, The Scottish Parliament

1. The use of electronic training aids on dogs
2. Consultation on the Potential controls or prohibition of electronic training aids in Scotland
3. 

Key Messages

Agenda Item 1 – The Scottish Government's position on the use of electronic training aids in Scotland

- **The Scottish Government's position on the use of electronic training collars is currently under review.**
- **We have heard strong arguments both for and against a ban on electronic training aids on the grounds of animal welfare.**
- **As well as valid concerns about the potential for misuse of some these devices, we have also been made aware of numerous situations where these training aids, when used properly, have greatly benefited animal welfare.**
- **The consultation seeks views on whether some or all electronic training aids should be subject to tighter controls in Scotland or whether they should be banned outright. It also seeks evidence to support those views.**
- **Meanwhile, the Scottish Government acknowledges that the Defra project found that training using static pulse remote-controlled collars was no more effective than other methods. We encourage all dog owners to fully consider all the options and to choose the best method for their individual training needs.**
- **The Scottish Government also considers it important to ensure that such collars are used responsibly and manufactured to a high standard. We therefore fully support Defra's work with industry to develop a set of manufacturing standards for static pulse collars and to draw up guidance about how such collars should be used to avoid misuse.**
- **Anyone that uses an electronic dog collar to inflict unnecessary suffering may be prosecuted under animal welfare laws.**

Agenda Item 2 - Consultation on the Potential control or prohibition of electronic training aids in Scotland

- This consultation issued on the 6th November 2015 and closes on 29th January 2016 and seeks views on whether the Scottish Government should ban or regulate use of electronic training collars for animals, (excluding the use of electric fences used for livestock and horses).
- There are four options proposed in the consultation
 - 1 **Status quo** (Rely on industry guidance for dogs owners and trainers on the proper use of electronic training collars).
 - 2 **Develop guidance or statutory welfare code** (under Sections 37 or 38 of Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006).
 - 3 **Develop regulations on the use of electronic collars** (under Sections 26 and 27 of the 2006 Act).
 - 4 **Ban use of electronic collars** (under Section 26 of the 2006 Act).
- Provides information on developments since the previous consultation in 2007 (only 164 responses); related research studies, and the approaches taken in other countries.
- Have currently received over 900 responses to the consultation however expect around 1000 by close on Friday.
- The views will feed into future policy development on electronic training aids.

Agenda Item 3 - [REDACTED]

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Key Facts on electronic training collars

- **Estimated around 680,000 dogs in Scotland, in 26% of households.**
- **There are no reliable figures for the number of electronic collars in use in Scotland; however, the Scottish Parliament Petition - PE1555 suggests that there are 50,000 electronic collars in Scotland and the Electronic Collar Manufacturers Association (ECMA) suggest there may be hundreds of thousands in the UK.**

Collars of various designs (remote training and anti-bark collars using static pulse, citronella spray, sonic and vibrate) are readily available on the internet. Websites such as Amazon and e-Bay are selling these devices for as little as £20.

- **Despite apparent widespread use and availability, we have not found any documented evidence of deliberate abuse of collars in Scotland. From January 2011 to December 2014, the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) received only 23 complaints about electronic collars, all were investigated and advice given, no further action was considered to be required.**
- **The use of all electronic training collars was banned in Wales under the Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) (Wales) Regulations 2010. Several other countries also have complete bans, including Sweden, Denmark and Germany.**
- **Other countries, including New Zealand, issue guidance on the use of collars in statutory dog welfare codes.**
- **Some jurisdictions regulate the use of collars e.g. the Australian State of Victoria - there are legal requirements on the technical specification of collars and a legal requirement to use them in accordance with a statutory code of practice under the supervision and written instructions of a veterinary practitioner or a qualified dog trainer.**

Background Information

What are electronic training aids?

There are a number of different electronic training aids and that are mainly used on dogs, some on cats. Some collars are designed to pass an electric current between two terminals that make contact with the animal's neck (a static pulse collar) and transmit an electric current through the skin of the animal wearing it. There are also other training aids that are operated electronically but do not pass a current to the animal. These collars operate by emitting a noise or ultrasonic sound; or a spray of water or citronella.

The principle is the same for all of these devices; the static pulse, noise, ultrasound or spray is distracting and is activated when the animal engages in unwanted behaviour. The devices are designed so that the animal associates the behaviour with the unpleasant sensation and, in time, the unwanted behaviour stops.

There are three main uses of electronic training collars to modify an animal's behaviour.

- **Remote training collars.** These collars are used as part of a training regime to address undesirable behaviours and deliver a stimulus (an electric static pulse, sound, vibration or spray) via an owner-operated remote control. The intensity of the stimulus can be varied depending on the model.
- **Anti-bark collars.** These are used to train a dog not to bark. The collars are similar to remote training collars but are vibration or sound sensitive (sometimes both) and are activated when the dog wearing it barks.
- **Electric boundary or "freedom" fence.** Designed to keep a dog or cat within certain boundaries, e.g. to avoid pets running out of a garden onto a road. Can be used indoors to deter pets from entering certain rooms. A boundary wire that carries a radio signal is placed in, or on, the ground or on an existing fence that the pet could potentially jump over or dig under. The wire transmits a continuous signal that is received by the electronic collar. When the animal approaches the wire it triggers a pre-set stimulus, sometimes preceded by a warning sound.

Kennel Club's position on electronic training aids

- Following the publication of the Defra-funded research projects, the Kennel Club campaigned to have all static pulse collars banned based on their interpretation of the research and on the public opinion polls they have organised. In November 2013 they announced that they did not endorse the use of electric shock collars (static pulse) and were against the use of any negative training methods or devices, which we understand to include vibration, noise and spray collars. Their view is that a dog responds out of fear of further punishment when trained with an electric shock collar rather than from a natural willingness to obey and that as these training products are readily available to buy there is a higher risk for them to be abused by those who are not trained in their proper use.
- The Kennel Club welcomed the Welsh Assembly's ban on the use of electric shock collars, mats and leads, and have also called for the Westminster Government and the Northern Ireland Assembly to introduce a ban on the sale and use of electric shock collars.
- In February 2014 the Kennel Club issued a press release on the findings of their independent survey into the public's opinion of electric shock collars in England and Scotland.
- Following the publication of the Defra research projects in 2014 the Kennel Club published their interpretation of the key findings of the reports on their website.

Consultation on 'Potential controls or prohibition of electronic training aids in Scotland

- On the 5th July 2015 the Scottish Government announced that they would be seeking views on additional controls around electronic training collars for dogs and that a consultation document would be launched shortly. This consultation, titled 'Potential controls or prohibition of electronic training aids in Scotland' issued on the 6th November 2015.
- This followed a number of requests for electric shock and vibration collars to be banned, including a debate in the Scottish Parliament on 8 January 2015 and Petition number PE1555, on which you contacted the Convener of the Public Petitions Committee on 6 July

and 27 June 2015. The latter letter advised that the consultation would include options for the banning or control of electronic training aids.

- The issue was previously consulted on in 2007, shortly after the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006 came into force. The limited number of responses at that time (164) showed this to be a very divisive issue and there was little useful evidence presented.
- Electronic training collars have developed significantly since 2007, both in terms of increased attention to pet welfare and safety in the design and proper use of static pulse (shock) collars and in the availability of alternative methods of negative stimuli (vibration, noise, water or chemical spray), about which we have little or no information on the welfare impact.
- The consultation aims to provide information on these developments, related research studies, and the approaches taken elsewhere to enable respondents to give a reasoned view on electronic training aids in Scotland in 2015.
- The consultation will furnish information and evidence to allow you to further consider whether the use of such equipment should be either – maintained with reliance on further developments in industry self-regulation; maintained with the introduction of legal control and/or guidelines; or prohibited.
- The last date for responses is Friday 29th January 2016. At this time we have received over 900 responses to the consultation however expect a high return in the last week of consultation being live.

Defra funded research projects on static pulse collars – AW1402 and AW1402a

- These studies looked at the physical characteristics of static electric pulse collars and the physiological, behavioural and psychological consequences of their use in dog training.
- Project AW1402 ran from September 2007 to November 2010 and assessed the effect of remote static pulse systems on the welfare of domestic dogs. The final report was published on the 10th June 2013 and key findings included:

- There are differences in stimulus strength/duration between brands of electronic collars
- While manuals were clear on the operation and fit of the collar, there were varying levels of information on their use in training and such advice was not always taken up by users.
- The majority of owners in the study used electronic collars for specific problem behaviours: recall problems and livestock chasing being most commonly reported.
- Over one third of owners reported their dogs vocalising on first use of an e collar and over a quarter did so regarding subsequent use.
- Some dogs did react to being trained with electronic collars, with levels of stress hormones and behavioural indicators of tenseness increasing between testing without a collar and testing with a dummy collar for some dogs using collars compared with those dogs subject to positive reinforcement measures.
- Project AW1402a ran between October 2010 and June 2011 and was a field study of dogs being trained by experienced trainers dealing with animal chasing/recall problems. Physiological and behavioural measurements were taken in 3 groups of 21 dogs in twice-daily training sessions over 4/5 days. One group used static electric pulse collars in accordance with manufacturers guidelines, the other two used no electronic collars. The final report was published on the 10th June 2013.
- The main findings of this project were –
 - Dogs trained using collars exhibited more yawning and showed more “tense” behaviour during training; however, other behavioural differences between the groups were insignificant or related to the approach of the trainer.
 - There were no significant differences in the physiological measurements of urinary corticosteroid and salivary cortisol (which could indicate a response to stress) before and after training.
 - Cognitive bias testing and other behavioural assessments of the dogs 3 months later when they returned to the training

environment also showed no significant difference in their behaviour, physiology or emotional state apart from a temporary elevated salivary cortisol in the group trained with collars.

Researchers' position on the results

- When the reports from these studies were published in 2013, The scientists involved suggested that the research demonstrates that electronic collars are a potential risk to the welfare of *some* dogs and that equally effective results can be achieved by other forms of training.
- In 2015, Defra received a revised copy of the final report for Project AW1402a from the Lincoln University team. This included additional analyses and drew stronger conclusions about the negative effects on e-collars; suggesting that there was a negative impact on *all* dogs.
- Defra have had the both reports peer reviewed by statisticians. Overall the peer reviews suggested that the stronger conclusions drawn in the 2015 version that e-collars have negative welfare consequences for *all* dogs are not supported by the evidence presented, which is considered to indicate only that this is the case for *some* dogs.
- Concerns regarding the robustness of the conclusions in the 2015 report on AW1402a also apply to those presented in a PlosOne journal article that the team published in 2014. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] they are undertaking further analysis and claim to have found additional evidence that e-collars have negative welfare consequences for all dogs. They plan to submit a further scientific paper and will send Defra a copy prior to publication.

Kennel Club position on the results

- Following the publication of the original Defra research project reports in 2013 the Kennel Club published their interpretation of the reports.
- "Key Statistics from Research into Electric Shock Collars".

- 1 in 4 dogs showed signs of stress compared to less than 5% of dogs in the non-electric shock collar control group (Defra commissioned study AW1402, 2007)". (This appears to be an interpretation of the statement in the final report of AW1402a that "Dogs in group C may have spent less time tense during training sessions (4% of scans) than dogs in groups A (25%)).
- "1 in 3 dogs yelp at the first use of electric shock collar and 1 in 4 yelp at subsequent uses (Defra commissioned study AW1402, 2007)" (It actually said in AW1402, regarding an owners survey, that "36% of owners reported vocalisations on first use, and 26% on subsequent use of e-collars. This suggested that operating levels may not have been set in accordance with manufacturer's instruction". AW1402a recorded a low incidence of yelping in the group using electric collars in accordance with instructions in the controlled training study)
- The Kennel Club stated that there were significant long term negative welfare consequences for a proportion of dogs trained with electronic collars, even when electric shock collars were used by professionals following an industry set standard of training approved by the Electronic Collar Manufacturers Association (ECMA).

Scottish Government's position on the results

- This research was reviewed in detail by Scottish Government and Defra animal welfare experts. Although it is possible to extract selected findings that raise some welfare concerns about the use of these devices, when all aspects of the research are considered fully and in context the position remains unclear.
- This project did not find any convincing long-term effects on welfare following collar use in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. In addition, the project was not designed to consider the use of electronic collars to stop barking or as boundary controls and can provide no evidence on the welfare impact of such devices. It also provides no information on the impact on dog welfare of other types of stimulus such as vibration, noise or chemical spray.
- We concur with Defra and peer reviewers that the results presented to date provide evidence of a negative impact of static pulse collars

on only some, not all dogs. We look forward to seeing the results of further data analysis in due course; these will need to be peer reviewed before further consideration can be given to their implications.

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Subject: Scottish Government Announcement - Electronic Training Devices

Dear [REDACTED]

You may be aware that, on 4 October 2016, Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, announced that the Scottish Government would be introducing tough new laws on the use of electronic training collars for animals.

Ms Cunningham noted that there was evidence that electronic training collars can cause suffering and, as such, they will only be permitted for use as a last resort and under guidance. The format and content of the regulations to be introduced will be determined in due course through discussion with stakeholders from the pet industry, animal training and animal welfare sectors; and are expected to cover a number of topics, including the appropriate qualifications required to be an approved trainer and defining "last resort" use. The starting point for discussions on "last resort" use is where other training methods have been ineffective or unsuitable.

A link to the news release can be found at - <http://news.gov.scot/news/protecting-animal-welfare>

The Scottish Government are mindful of your experience of working with electronic training devices and would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend one of the stakeholder meetings to share your knowledge and experience of using these devices. We hope to hold an initial meeting in November or December 2016, in Edinburgh, with a number of trainers who have experience of working with these devices. I would be grateful if you could share my details to other trainers, with knowledge of working with electronic training devices, who would be interested in attending the meeting with you. They could then contact me if they wish to participate.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: 2016/0034392
1 November 2016

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your correspondence of 14 October 2016 to Roseanna Cunningham MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform about the Scottish Government's announcement of 4 October 2016 that it intends to introduce tough new laws on the use of electronic training collars for animals. I have been asked to respond.

As you aware, in her announcement, Ms Cunningham noted that there was evidence that electronic training collars can cause suffering and, as such, they will only be permitted for use as a last resort and under guidance. The format and content of the regulations to be introduced will be determined in due course through discussion with stakeholders from the pet industry, animal training and animal welfare sectors; and are expected to cover a number of topics, including the appropriate qualifications required to be an approved trainer and defining "last resort" use. The starting point for discussions on "last resort" use is where other training methods have been ineffective or unsuitable.

The Scottish Government are mindful of your experience of working with electronic training devices and would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend one of the stakeholder meetings to share your knowledge and experience of using these devices. We hope to hold an initial meeting in November or December 2016, in Edinburgh, with a number of trainers who have experience of working with these devices. I would be grateful if you could share my details to other trainers/behaviourists, with knowledge of working with electronic training devices, who would be interested in attending the meeting with you. They could then contact me if they wish to participate.

I hope this reply is helpful and I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

[redacted]
Animal Welfare Team

Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh EH11 3XD
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 October 2016 10:25:06
To: Ministerial Correspondence Unit
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Subject: FW: Regarding proposed legislation on e collars

Hi,

One for MACCS please.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Assistant Private Secretary
Roseanna Cunningham, MSP Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change
and Land Reform
2N.08 - St Andrews House - Regent Road - Edinburgh - EH1 3DG

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 October 2016 04:14
To: Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform
Subject: Regarding proposed legislation on e collars

Dear Roseanna Cunningham

I wanted to write to you regarding the proposed legislation on the further control of electronic collars in Scotland and the effects it will have on dogs and the public.

I have been a dog trainer for 16 years and an e-collar trainer for over 7 years.

[REDACTED]

When I say balanced trainer I mean a trainer that rewards good behaviour but also disagrees with bad behaviour to create a balanced, safe and confident dog and owner.

I am a professional member of the IACP (International association of canine professionals), the largest recognised organisation in the world for balanced training.

I am the lead behaviourist to over 30 vets, dog walkers, trainers, rescue organisations and other dog professionals in the UK. I have also

trained a number of trainers throughout the UK in dog behaviour and e-collar training.

[REDACTED]

I have worked with dogs my whole life and felt it only appropriate to contact yourself to provide assistance in the proposed legislation.

My business is to educate owners on a one to one basis in what I call a session, to help change any unwanted behaviours in their dogs. Everything from how to bring up a dog from pup correctly to the Rehabilitation of rescued fighting dogs . I also [REDACTED] and talk seminars that allow members of the public to meet together in a very controlled way to overcome any issues they or there dog may have.

I have a client based of approximately 8000 at the moment with about 30% of my clients using e-collars.

It's appropriate I feel to say that all my clients using e-collars are trained how to use the said collars by me and are always provided ongoing support and tutoring.

In the proposed legislation it is stated that only certified trainers or vets would be allowed to prescribe the option of an e-collar. This leads me to ask a number of questions...

Who decides on the certified trainers as in general any body holding a qualification in dog training generally doesn't have any idea about an e-collar, has never had any interaction with one and certainly doesn't get taught about them in their studies, only balanced trainers do.

Myself being the leading e-collar trainer in Scotland doesn't hold a qualification in dog training, my expertise is in my experience over the last 16 years on interacting with dogs and learning from other world renowned balanced trainers.

Surely those with experience in using e-collars for many years should assist in deciding who should own one.

Also vets with all due respect also don't know anything about e-collars. In general we say the vet is the professional to take care of the dog physically and the balanced trainer is the professional to take care of the dog psychologically. That is why I am working with many vets around the UK.

Please don't get me wrong I am not against the proposed legislation. I am just looking for clarification on the legislation and looking to provide assistance with it.

I would be able to provide you with all the knowledge needed with regards to e-collars, even show there effective use and provide examples of hundreds of cases where it has resulted in saving the life of a dog and other animals.

It would be ideal if possible that we could meet and I could provide any

information needed to yourself to help yourself in the proposed legislation.

It just seems the only way forward with this legislation is to have someone on board who has actual knowledge and expertise in ecollars, rather than here say from others and no actual experience, which is what would happen if the proposed statement of certified trainers and vets goes ahead.

You would also be welcome to attend a walk or come on a session to see in real life how the collars are used, the impact they have on the public, the control and security it provides the responsible owner and the ability it has to change negative behaviours.

There is unfortunately some negative feeling towards ecollars, sometimes referred to as "shock collars". These feelings are always from lack of knowledge or misunderstanding of the tool.

I have carried out surveys in my last 100 clients that have used an ecollar and asked, how many felt that the collar had a negative effect or would not use a collar again? The answer was 0 out of 100.

I have also done a survey on the last 100 people who have been against ecollars, asking how many had actually felt an ecollar or used one through an appropriate trainer and the answer was 0.

This goes to show that the ecollar is being judged through lack of knowledge rather than experience.

We can't surely blame the tool, rather the individual using the tool. Much like we can't blame the car for running someone over, the Internet for providing bad information or the leash for choking the dog. It's the individual that needs to be trained on how to use it.

I can provide that to you.

I hope from this email in the least has put some questions into your mind and please allow me to assist in this proposed legislation. This legislation will have an impact on thousands of homes and dogs. And if handled the wrong way could be disastrous for Scotland.

If handled correctly, it could be a great assistance to the public environment.

I looked forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

[Redacted signature block]

[Redacted contact information]

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 15 November 2016 18:05
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Ref: 2016/0034392

Subject: Ref: 2016/0034392

Hi [Redacted]

Ref: 2016/0034392

Good Evening I am [Redacted] I am a dog behaviourist based in [Redacted]
[Redacted] am also an [Redacted] [Redacted] passed me your details about the
upcoming stakeholder meeting on the use and regulations regarding eCollars.

As an experienced eCollar Behaviourists/Trainer in Scotland I would be very keen to attend
this meeting and hopefully have input towards the use and regulations for this misunderstood
training tool.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards
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From: [REDACTED] (via Doodle) <mailer@doodle.com>
Sent: 24 November 2016 11:15
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

[REDACTED] invites you to participate in the Doodle poll "Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland."

Doodle

Hi Caroline Blair,

[REDACTED]@gov.scot) invites you to participate in the Doodle poll "Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland."

Dear all,


I would like to invite you to attend a meeting to discuss the future regulations on the use of electronic training devices in Scotland.

I would be grateful if you could use the Doodle Poll to advise me on your preferred date(s) to attend a meeting in Saughton House, Edinburgh.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]
Animal Welfare Team

[Participate now](#)

 What is Doodle? Doodle is a web service that helps [REDACTED] to find a suitable date for meeting with a group of people. [Learn more about how Doodle works.](#)

You have received this e-mail because [REDACTED] has invited you to participate in the Doodle poll "Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland."

Please note that this is a personal invitation that cannot be shared with other poll participants.

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Doodle AG, Werdstrasse 21, 8021 Zürich

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 December 2016 12:16
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted] Voas AP (Andrew)
Subject: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Dear all,

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I would be grateful if you could confirm by email whether you are available to attend the meeting.

Kind regards

[Redacted]
Animal Welfare Team

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 December 2016 12:20
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Categories: Awaiting advice

Dear [REDACTED]

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I would be grateful if you could confirm by email whether you are available to attend the meeting.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Animal Welfare Team

[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 December 2016 16:22
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Scottish Government - Regulations to control the use of electronic training collars in Scotland

Hello [Redacted]

Thank you very much for the invite.

I will be available on that day and will attend the meeting.

Thanks again
[Redacted]

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 1:29 pm, [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted] wrote:

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email below. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to attend a meeting to discuss electronic training collars. The meeting will take place at 11:00 – 13:00 on **Wednesday 25 January 2017** in Room B.3, Saughton House, Broomhouse Drive, Edinburgh, EH11 3DG.

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Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Animal Welfare Branch | P Spur | Saughton House | Broomhouse Drive | Edinburgh | EH11 3XD
Tel: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 29 November 2016 12:52
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Scottish Government - Regulations to control the use of electronic training collars in Scotland

Hello [REDACTED]

Thank you for the email.

I have been walking & training dogs professionally & on a volunteer basis for approximately 4 years now, my business name is [REDACTED].

I train all my own dogs and foster dogs to minimum Companion Dog standard (as outlined by the kennel club) i.e. Dog will sit/stay/down/stand/heel, all off lead and about distractions with nothing at all influencing them (like a training collar/food/toy etc).

I do not train with e-collars primarily and only use them on my own dogs or clients dogs at around week 8 (if at all) of obedience training, generally if they need it - usually due to being a high prey drive dog that will not recall on sight of an animal. I use it to reinforce the command that they already absolutely know.

I am [REDACTED] aiming to train pet dogs to a higher standard than is generally offered anywhere else in Scotland. True dog training takes years of serious study, both theoretically & more importantly - practically. I see a lack of actual dog training or knowledge done by so many dog 'trainers/behaviourists' these days, which is where the gripe on e-collars is coming from in the first place in my opinion.

I am happy an outright ban is not going forward with e-collars, but I'm worried as to who is deciding who should use them and in what circumstances. The most popular trainers the world over are usually ones who are great at marketing and have high profiles on Facebook/YouTube. Some of the largest dog training organisations have been started by trainers who have never trained a dog to any standard. Unfortunately that's how things are at the moment and probably foreseeable future.

I support the idea of e-collars being used in conjunction with effective obedience training.

The 'last resort' discussion would be interesting. Almost every dog I work with has got serious issues, I generally get work through word of mouth and it's usually for aggression bases. Once again the trainers I know that effectively work with these dogs are less than a handful in the whole of the UK - and they generally keep themselves to themselves, which could be our undoing in matters such as these. Albeit many others claim to work with severe cases. But I'm sure you'll hear that from many pro-e-collar trainers. All the trainers in my opinion that work successfully with dogs with severe behaviour issues are obedience trainers, so they have the knowledge in how the tools, like any tool, can be used effectively and fairly.

The new wave of behaviourists from both extreme sides of dog training is where things are going wrong in my opinion. It's an industry problem more than a problem with the actual tool.

So I would be really interested in keeping up to date with anything that is going on and if I could be involved in discussions that would be great.

Thank you
[REDACTED]

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Tuesday, November 29, 2016, 12:11 pm, [REDACTED]@gov.scot <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to our telephone discussion this morning concerning the Scottish Government's recent announcement that it intends to introduce tough new laws on the use of electronic training collars for animals.

As advised the format and content of these regulations will be determined in due course through discussion with stakeholders from the pet industry, animal training and animal welfare sectors. Those discussions are expected to cover a number of topics, including the appropriate qualifications required by to be an approved trainer and defining "last resort" use. The starting point for discussions on "last resort" use is where other training methods have been ineffective or unsuitable.

I would be happy to keep your details on file for any future discussions concerning the new regulations and would be grateful you could provide me with your relevant history in relation to dog training.

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 December 2016 16:23
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: [Redacted] Voas AP (Andrew)
Re: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Hi [Redacted] I will be in attendance and will probably need parking.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

On 13 Dec 2016, at 12:16, [Redacted]@gov.scot> wrote:

Dear all,

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I would be grateful if you could confirm by email whether you are available to attend the meeting.

Kind regards

[Redacted]
Animal Welfare Team

[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 December 2016 08:56
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Hi [REDACTED]

I will be attending the meeting. I imagine I will use public transport but will advise later if I need a parking space.
Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 13 December 2016 12:16
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk; Andrew.Voas@scotland.gsi.gov.uk
Subject: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

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I would be grateful if you could confirm by email whether you are available to attend the meeting.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Animal Welfare Team

[REDACTED]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 14 December 2016 15:33
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland
Categories: Print

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your email. I intend to be present at the meeting.

Kind regards,

[Redacted signature block]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]
Sent: 13 December 2016 12:16
To: [Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; Andrew.Voas@gov.scot
Subject: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

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I would be grateful if you could confirm by email whether you are available to attend the meeting.

Kind regards

[Redacted]
Animal Welfare Team

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 14 December 2016 21:27
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland
Categories: Print

Hi [Redacted]

I will be in attendance and looking forward to meeting you. I will not need parking, I'll be using public transport.

Regards [Redacted]

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

On 13 Dec 2016 12:16, [Redacted] <[Redacted]@gov.scot> wrote:
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Kind regards

[Redacted]
Animal Welfare Team

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 15 December 2016 08:42
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Hi [Redacted]

I will be attending the meeting and require a car parking space. Details [Redacted]

Regards
[Redacted]

On 2016-12-13 12:16, [Redacted]@gov.scot wrote:

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Kind regards

[Redacted]
Animal Welfare Team

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[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 19 December 2016 22:40
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Hello [Redacted]

I will be attending this meeting, I will be driving through on the day.
My car details are as follows:

[Redacted]

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]@gov.scot [Redacted]

Sent: 13 December 2016 12:16:28

To: [Redacted]
[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Cc: [Redacted]@gov.scot; Andrew.Voas@gov.scot

Subject: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

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Kind regards

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 09 January 2017 15:07
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Scottish Government Meeting - Electronic Training Collars

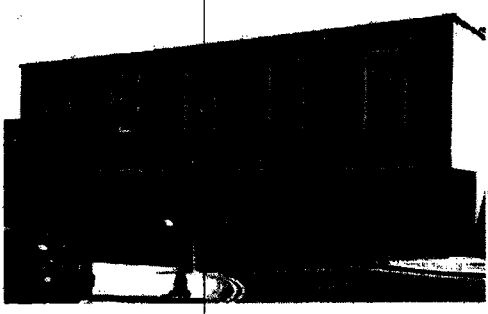
Dear [Redacted]
Thank you very much for getting in touch with me. I can confirm that I will be able to attend the meeting and am looking forward to it.
Kind regards,
[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2017 10:41 AM
To: [Redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: Scottish Government Meeting - Electronic Training Collars

Dear [Redacted]
I have been in communication with [Redacted], concerning the announcement on 4 October 2016, by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, that the Scottish Government will be introducing tough new regulations to restrict the use of electronic training devices for animals. [Redacted] has suggested that you may be interested in attending a meeting to discuss the use of these devices.

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Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]
From: [Redacted]
Sent: 10 January 2017 12:24
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Scottish Government Meeting - Electronic Training Collars

Yes I would like to attend the meeting if you could add my name to list please

Sent from my iPhone

On 10 Jan 2017, at 09:52, [Redacted]@gov.scot> [Redacted] wrote:

Dear [Redacted]

I have been in communication with [Redacted], concerning the announcement on 4 October 2016, by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, that the Scottish Government will be introducing tough new regulations to restrict the use of electronic training devices for animals. [Redacted] has suggested that you may be interested in attending a meeting to discuss the use of these devices.

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I would be grateful if you could confirm by email whether you would be available to attend the meeting.

Kind regards

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Animal Welfare Branch | P Spur | Saughton House | Broomhouse Drive | Edinburgh | EH11 3XD

Tel: [Redacted]

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 10 January 2017 12:27
To: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Hi [Redacted]

I can confirm that I will attend the meeting.

Kind Regards

[Redacted]

Aberdeenshire Council

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Tel [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk [Redacted]

Sent: 13 December 2016 12:16

To: [Redacted]

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Cc: [Redacted]@scotland.gsi.gov.uk; Andrew.Voas@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

Subject: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

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Kind regards

[Redacted]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 January 2017 12:20
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Good afternoon [REDACTED]

Yes I will be attending.
i did reply to your e mail.
i will require parking registration number [REDACTED]

Thank you regards
[REDACTED]

On 18 Jan 2017, at 10:16, [REDACTED]@gov.scot wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

Following my email of 13 December 2016, I would be grateful if you could advise if you will be attending the meeting Saughton House on Wednesday 25 January 2017.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Tel: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 December 2016 12:16
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]; Voas AP (Andrew)
Subject: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

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Kind regards

[Redacted]
Animal Welfare Team

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 18 January 2017 13:21
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: FW: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Myself and training partner [Redacted] will be attending
Many thanks

[Redacted]

On 18 Jan 2017 10:27, [Redacted]@gov.scot> wrote:
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Many thanks

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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Kind regards

[Redacted]
Animal Welfare Team

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 18 January 2017 15:25
To: [Redacted]

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Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: AGENDA - Scottish Government Meeting - Electronic training Collars - Wednesday 25th January 2017

Dear all,

Please find attached a copy of the agenda for the meeting to be held in Saughton House on Wednesday 25th January 2017.

I would be grateful if you report to the Main Reception on arrival at Saughton House.

To note this meeting will allow us to gather further information on how electronic collars are being used and the training programmes currently in place.

Kind regards

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Animal Welfare Branch | P Spur | Saughton House | Broomhouse Drive | Edinburgh | EH11 3XD

Tel: [Redacted]



Agenda - Scottish Government a...

Scottish Government – Animal Welfare Team
Dog Trainers/Behaviourists re Electronic Training Collars

Wednesday 25th January 2017

11:00 – 13:00

Agenda

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. Approved Trainers**
- 3. Training**
- 4. Behaviour problems**
- 5. Electronic training collars**

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 25 January 2017 08:58
To: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Dear [Redacted],
I am very sorry, I thought I had replied to you. Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting. I would like to say the I believe collars are a very useful training aid and should be regulated. I fully support [Redacted] in all the work he does and I have seen first hand the benefits of using these training aids. They are not suitable for all dogs therefore they do need to be used with appropriate training. Again I apologise that I can't attend today and look forward to hearing the outcome.
Kind regards

[Redacted]

From: [Redacted].scot <[Redacted]@gov.scot>
Sent: 18 January 2017 10:16:04
To: [Redacted]
Subject: FW: Meeting - Regulation of Electronic Training Devices in Scotland

Dear [Redacted],
Following my email of 13 December 2016, I would be grateful if you could advise if you will be attending the meeting Saughton House on Wednesday 25 January 2017.

Many thanks

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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Tel: [Redacted]

From: [Redacted]
Sent: 13 December 2016 12:16
To: [Redacted]
[Redacted]
Cc: [Redacted]; Voas AP (Andrew)
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Kind regards

[Redacted]

Animal Welfare Team

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[REDACTED]
From: Voas AP (Andrew)
Sent: 15 February 2017 15:55
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Agenda for certification meeting on 1 March

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2017 13:15
To: Voas AP (Andrew); [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Agenda for certification meeting on 1 March

Andrew

Does the attached fit the purpose in terms of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: Voas AP (Andrew)
Sent: 15 February 2017 10:50
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Agenda for certification meeting on 1 March

[REDACTED]
Please prepare briefing papers for this RCVS meeting I will be attending on the general background and specifically the probable certificates for vets to sign we are proposing for [REDACTED] and electronic collars respectively. I would like to send them next week.
Thanks
Andrew

From: [REDACTED]@rcvs.org.uk]
Sent: 14 February 2017 10:31
To: Voas AP (Andrew)
Subject: RE: Agenda for certification meeting on 1 March

Hi Andrew,

Apologies for the delay in responding - we would greatly appreciate the chance to meet up with you after the main meeting to discuss these specific issues relevant to the new Scottish legislation.

Would it suit you if we set aside the hour following the meeting for this purpose (2.30-3.30pm)?

Thank you for the offer of providing some brief papers on these issues, that would be really useful for the Certification sub-committee to have beforehand if possible (if we have left you sufficient time to do that).

Many thanks,

Senior Advice Officer

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
Belgravia House
62-64 Horseferry Road
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From: Andrew.Voas@gov.scot [mailto:Andrew.Voas@gov.scot]
Sent: 02 February 2017 15:49
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Agenda for certification meeting on 1 March

Dear [REDACTED]

I am planning to attend the meeting being arranged by [REDACTED] between APHA, UK governments and the RCVS certification sub-committee on 1 March. There are a couple of issues that have recently arisen in Scotland that I would like to discuss separately and I wonder if this could conveniently be done after the main meeting.

[REDACTED]

The second issue follows the announcement of our intention to introduce new legislation on electronic training collars to permit their use only under the guidance of a veterinary surgeon or an approved trainer. This would apply to remote training collars, anti-bark collars and hidden boundary fence devices using electrostatic pulses, sound or spray mechanisms. We have still to develop detailed proposals but this may raise questions about vets providing certificates to owners stating that they have agreed the use of a particular device for the owner's particular situation after other training methods have been tried or would be unsuitable, the owner has agreed to use a certain design of device in accordance with a code of practice and it is therefore suitable to use one – we are thinking in terms of a written agreement between the owner and the vet or approved trainer to provide a basis for this.

I don't want to unnecessarily extend the meeting but it would be useful if I could take advantage of the opportunity to discuss the committees views on these proposals. If so I could provide a couple of brief papers explaining the situation beforehand.

Do you think this would be possible? It would be very helpful if it could be arranged.

Regards
Andrew

Andrew Voas BVM&S MRCVS
Scottish Government Veterinary Adviser / Spur P / Saughton House / Broomhouse Drive / Edinburgh / EH11 3XD /
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