

SAWC Greyhounds Work Group Meeting With Professor Madeleine Campbell
Monday 12 December 2022 – 11:30 (held virtually)

Attendees

Commission Members

Cathy Dwyer, Chair
Mike Flynn
Mike Radford

Scottish Government



Apologies

Ellie Wigham, SAWC

Introduction

Members of SAWC's Greyhounds Working Group expressed an interest in having a discussion with Professor Madeleine Campbell of the Greyhound Board of Great Britain (GBGB).

Cathy welcomed Madeleine to the meeting, and introductions were shared by all present. Madeleine explained her role as a Non-Executive Independent Director of GBGB, and that she was appointed to help develop the welfare strategy which was published 6 months ago and will be delivered over the next 5 years.

Discussion

Cathy gave a brief overview of SAWC's role as an independent commission, and of the focus of the Greyhounds Working Group. The group is currently gathering evidence on the issue of greyhound racing in Scotland and aims to respond to a RAINE Committee enquiry with a full opinion by February 2023.

Some of the other issues discussed included:

- The GBGB welfare strategy
- Unlicensed racing (SAWC paid a visit to Thornton Racing Track in November)
- Regulation
- The flow of dogs coming over from Ireland (80%+ are bred there)
- International collaboration, and the encouragement of British owners to buy British bred dogs
- Injuries based on the oval design of tracks and potential to look at future alternative track designs

Madeleine suggested that the SAWC members might find it useful to meet with the CEO of GBGB, Mark Bird, who would be able to discuss the budgets, regulation and enforcement measures of GBGB.

Actions

Madeleine – link [REDACTED] up with Mark Bird. [REDACTED] to then set up a meeting between Mark and the SAWC working group members.

End of Meeting