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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-951
Ein cyf/Our ref LG/00650/20

Janet Finch-Saunders AM
Chair of the Petitions Committee

17 March 2020

Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 9 March regarding Petition P-05-951 Impose a Legal Limit on the Maximum Number of Breeding Bitches.

The suggested action would require legislative change. I made clear in my Written Statement for new regulations to be effective we must also tackle the barriers to enforcement Local Authorities are facing before proposing amendments to the current Breeding Regulations.

A number of recommendations from the recent review of the Animal Welfare (Dog Breeding) Regulations 2014, by the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group, have been made and these will now be taken forward by officials.

The report and its recommendations can be found in the below link:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-animal-welfare-dog-breeding-wales-regulations-2014-review>

Please be assured we are not ignoring evidence presented. I am sure you appreciate any changes to the legislation or to enforcement must be proportionate and evidence based. It is essential any future regulatory changes have no loopholes and do what is intended, and this takes time.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the name.

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