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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 24 March regarding Petition P-05-895, Rosa's Legacy.

We are continuing to work closely with the AWW who are looking at the support offered by Local Authorities in Wales for pet owners who are unable, for a variety of reasons, to look after their animals. The issue of charges levied by private vets is of course a business decision but we are encouraging BVA to work with their members to advise the Welsh Government on what is possible.

You will appreciate following the outbreak of Covid-19 some of our work areas have had to become less of a priority. This is to ensure our delivery partners have prioritisation for procedures as and when circumstances change and resources become limited. Our priority is to continue to deliver services that protect public health, safeguard animals from statutory diseases and to ensure animal welfare is not jeopardised.

We will arrange to meet with members of the AWW, including the BVA, to discuss these issues once priorities have changed and we will update you further when possible.

Regards

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