

# Y Pwyllgor Deisebau Petitions Committee

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The Petitions Committee of the National Assembly for Wales has received the following petition:

*'The Society for the Welfare of Horses and Ponies has been inundated with calls for assistance from concerned members of the public, horse owners and the Police for horses found abandoned, neglected and injured. Many have been injured from wandering on to the roads causing great risk to Motorists.*

*None of these horses are microchipped which has been a legal requirement for foals born after July 2009 which means the owners cannot be traced. We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to ensure effective enforcement of microchipping and Equine passports as laid down in the 2009 Legislation.'*

We are interested in receiving views from individuals, groups and organisations on the subject of this petition. These views will be used as evidence by the Petitions Committee in its consideration of the petition.

## Questions you may wish to consider in responding

1. Do you feel that the action called for is reasonable and/or feasible?
2. Do you feel that microchipping is being effectively enforced?
3. What are the barriers to enforcing microchipping?

If you would like to submit evidence, we would be grateful to receive it by Thursday, 17 November 2011. Further guidance on the submission of evidence is attached.

We would be grateful if you could share this request with other interested parties or, where appropriate, any of your member organisations.

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Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abigail Phillips', followed by a period.

**Abigail Phillips**  
**Clerk to the Petitions Committee**

## **Advice on Submitting Evidence**

- The Committee may call on those who have submitted written evidence to supplement it in oral evidence to the Committee. Please indicate in your response whether you would be prepared to give evidence in person.
- Witnesses should be aware that once written evidence has been submitted to the Committee it is treated as the property of the Committee. Written evidence will be published on the Committee's website, and extracts may subsequently be included in the report.
- The Assembly will not publish information which it considers to be personal data. If you are providing any information, other than personal data, which you feel is not suitable for public disclosure, it is up to you to stipulate which parts should not be published. You should provide a reasoned argument to support this. The National Assembly will take this into account when publishing information or responding to requests for information.
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