

## **P-05-816 Say 'NO' to pheasant shooting on Welsh public land**

This petition was submitted by Animal Aid having collected 12,706 signatures on an alternative petitions website.

### **Text of Petition**

We call on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to ensure that Natural Resources Wales, as the Welsh Government-Sponsored Body responsible, stops leasing out public land to commercial shooting operations. NRW's key constitutional function is to act as an environmental steward of the land that it manages on behalf of the Welsh Government and citizens. But leasing this land to shooting operations negatively impacts on conservation, biodiversity and animal welfare. Shooting also pollutes the land with toxic lead shot which is responsible for poisoning and killing many animals. NRW's shooting leases facilitate an activity that is abhorrent to many Welsh citizens: the killing of animals for 'sport'. The leases also mean that public access to land that is owned by Welsh citizens can be restricted.

### **Assembly Constituency and Region**

- Montgomeryshire
- Mid and West Wales