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Acknowledgement informing about publication.

Thank you.
Marie

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I am a volunteer at the MSPCA and over the years of volunteering I have seen badly treated/neglected dogs who have been brought into the sanctuary which at a later date had to be returned to the owners due to the MSPCA not being in a position to protect them. I would urge the government to adopt the UK Animal Welfare Act 2006 or introduce comparable legislation, which could possibly prevent this happening in the future.

In the absence of any Isle of Man guidelines about what constitutes cruelty I would ask that:

- the Five Freedoms be incorporated in to the Act
- recognise that an animal's physical wellbeing is not a good enough judgement (it is now widely recognised that animals suffer horrendous untold mental cruelty from not being allowed to exercise their normal behaviours based upon their specie)
- in light of the cut in policing resource and the workload the Government vets have to deal with, the Act should permit the Government to consider appointing other inspectors and these inspectors should have the right to issue Improvement Orders to owners or animal carers guilty of neglect or seize the animal if cruelty is involved or if Improvement Orders for neglect are not adhered to
- there should be severe punishments and banning orders for those prosecuted for neglect or cruelty

Yours faithfully

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