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Acknowledgement informing about publication.

Thank you.
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Marie Lambden,
Clerk to the Tynwald Select Committee on Animal Welfare.

Dear Ms Lambden,

I hope it is in order to submit my views concerning animal welfare on the Isle of Man. I write to support Mrs Harrison's petition which has caused your Committee to be formed.
Mrs Harrison petitioned.....

"The Isle of Man does not have an Animal Welfare Act. I started the puppy farm petition last year and while researching for this I found a serious lack of legislation to protect our animals. This has left many opportunities for people to cause harm and unnecessary suffering. There are many stories of neglect and abuse on the Isle of Man, which has been allowed to happen without consequences. Not because the MSPCA do not care, they do. And have to see some terrible sights, they want to help, they go home knowing they have no power to help in certain situations. Animals are known to be living in horrendous conditions, but there is no workable legislation to seize or protect these neglected and abused animals, or to pursue legal action against the people who cause harm. Animals are a huge part of the Isle of Man's history and future and should be treated with respect. We understand there are a lot of pieces of legislation waiting to be passed, but we feel that due to not having an animal welfare act, and only having brief and limited references to welfare, that legislation should be seen as a priority. I have collected many signatures in support of my campaign in the form of an informal petition to Tynwald."

I would add that the live export of farm animals for slaughter should be banned because the sellers/exporters have no guarantees that the animals will be treated properly or in what manner they would be slaughtered. Halal slaughter which is a religious method of killing animals is a medieval practise and cruel. It should be illegal. I do not know if it is carried out on the Isle of Man but if it is it should not be. Animals exported from our Island may end up being slaughtered in this barbaric manner. Although making it illegal would upset religious minorities we cannot have a modern humane society being dictated to on the grounds of religious or cultural practises which erode the term humane.

Your good self and your committee members may view halal slaughter if you look it up on You Tube. Be warned it is very upsetting. I would also refer you to look at the RSPCA view on this.....

<http://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/farm/slaughter/religiouslaughter>

In support of Mrs Harrison I would concur with her that there is not sufficient law to protect animals on this Island and the definition of cruelty should extend to include neglect. For example it should be illegal to leave a dog or any animal in a vehicle without the driver. We all know how many stupid people leave animals in cars to roast on sunny hot days. (Some even leave their children in these vehicles.) There are many other examples of where the law is lacking on the IOM but I hope you will receive more detailed submissions from Mrs Harrison, local vets, and our animal charities. In this respect I would ask your committee to discuss animal welfare with the United Kingdom RSPCA as well.

Yours faithfully,

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