

Shirley Hughes

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Animal Welfare
Submissions
Acknowledgement informing about publication.

Thank you.
Marie

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Sent: 22 January 2015 12:06
To: Marie Lambden
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Subject: Animal Welfare legislation

Dear Marie

I am writing to offer my support and my views on areas that need to be reviewed and good legislation put in place to stop suffering of animals.

I am happy to be involved in any research or any other work needed by the MHK's should they need my assistance.

Areas of concern to me are;

- The limited authority the MSPCA or any other organisation has to remove an animal that appears to be "at risk" from abuse or neglect. Authorities should have more authority than they do presently. A recent example that I saw on a FB site "We Love pets" saw the MSPCA receiving multiple calls about a poor dog that was outside in a garden crying all day. It had no shelter and clearly appeared to be distressed. Nothing was done to my knowledge to alleviate the suffering of the dog.
- If a cat is killed by a car there should be a legal responsibility on the driver of the vehicle to advise authorities.
- I am aware that currently any pet owner can take an animal to a vet and ask that it is euthanised, even if it is perfectly healthy. This cannot be right in any society and I would like to see legislation that would enable the vets who are left in a very difficult position, to perhaps move the animal to the MSPCA (for example) for full assessment before any decision on euthanasia was made.
- Penalties for abuse and neglect of animals should be severe.
- There appears to be an escalation in unwanted kittens with a recent example of a litter being dumped outside Tesco. They have now disappeared and I do not know what has happened to them. In an ideal world a free spay/neuter campaign by local vets / authorities may help as some people are reluctant to spend money on their pets.
- There are still feral/stray cats at the Ayres where the old tip was located. These need to be caught and relocated if possible. I am aware that the amount of feral cats at the Ayres severely hampered the success of the arctic tern nesting season this year, with only two or three birds surviving to be able to fledge. From

talking to one of the men that looks after the birds and rings them, he stated that one of the main reasons the birds were not successful were the predatory feral cats.

- Another issue I have is the wildlife park. For example the fishing cats are in terrible conditions and they had a kitten about a year ago. I campaigned and got various MHK's involved but no one was interested enough to help me. The Born Free Foundation agreed with me and contacted directly the wildlife park but the park were not prepared to do anything to improve the environment for the cats. I have all copy correspondence if required to resurrect this. There are also other animals at the park that display signs of stress and unnatural behaviours. It is of my opinion that if the environment cannot be acceptable the facility should be closed and the animals moved elsewhere to better facilities.
- There seems little regulation of animal breeders on the IOM and some people have treated animals terribly over many years, with dogs locked up in sheds with no light in some instances. One of the main perpetrators in Foxdale has now seen her demise but it still goes on around the island. The authorities should be able to turn up unannounced to inspect any breeders as opposed to making an appointment, as I believe they do at the moment, giving the breeder time to "fabricate" the environment the dogs live in. A friend of mine has rescued and rehomed around 20 of the breeding bitches from Foxdale and has successfully rehomed them around the island. These dogs are all traumatised by their previous lives and rehabilitation of these dogs is time consuming and difficult.
- The way members of the board of the MSPCA should be reviewed. It is currently a "closed shop" with many people that I am not sure really are up to the job anymore, and not really animal lovers. I have been contacting the current board on a regular basis as I would very much like to be on the board and keep being advised that I need to wait until someone leaves. Very dead man's shoes!

I am sure there are other issues I want to raise but with the deadline looming I wanted to send you this email. You will see that I am a committed and caring animal lover and am keen to help drive a positive change forward for the animals of the Isle of Man.

Kind regards
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