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Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs

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This document is also available in Welsh.

Overview

This consultation gives enforcement agencies, specialist interest groups and the general public the opportunity to consider proposals to update the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs in Wales. The aim of the codes is to provide information and guidance to those responsible for dogs on how to care for them. The existing Code for Dogs reflected the science and legislation in force at that time and was made under The Animal Welfare Act 2006. A review is now required to capture any changes in these areas and to ensure the standards being advised are still appropriate.

The Welsh Government is very grateful to the Animal Welfare Network Wales who have assisted in the preparation of the code.

How to respond

This consultation seeks views on the style, layout and content of the code and the information, advice and guidance it contains. It is important that you give as much information and evidence as possible to support your opinion. This will help us improve the accuracy and quality of the code. Comments are welcome on any part of the code.

Please send your comments by 8 January 2018 to:

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Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

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How the views and information you give us will be used

Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about. It may also be seen by other Welsh Government staff to help them plan future consultations.

The Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. This helps to show that the consultation was carried out properly. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then blank them out.

Names or addresses we blank out might still get published later, though we do not think this would happen very often. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 allow the public to ask to see information held by many public bodies, including the Welsh Government. This includes information which has not been published. However, the law also allows us to withhold information in some circumstances. If anyone asks to see information we have withheld, we will have to decide whether to release it or not. If someone has asked for their name and address not to be published, that is an important fact we would take into account. However, there might sometimes be important reasons why we would have to reveal someone's name and address, even though they have asked for them not to be published. We would get in touch with the person and ask their views before we finally decided to reveal the information.

