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Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs

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Addendum to the Publication of Summary of Responses for the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs

Introduction

The consultation exercise held between 16 October 2017 and 8 January 2018 sought views on the style, layout and content of the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Dogs.

Additional Responses

Following the publication of the consultation response document it came to our attention that the responses submitted via the online service had not been considered. This addendum includes extracts from those responses.

Next Steps

The comments and suggestions received in the responses submitted on line were similar issues to those received and considered in the main Summary of Responses document. For this reason, the version of the Code of Practice laid in the Assembly on 20th July will remain.

Section 1 – Environment

Travel

“Safety of dog in the car - the need to ensure a dog is harnessed and that the dog has adequate space to sit and lie in the car PLUS emphasis on not allowing your dog under any circumstances to stay in the car when temp outside is a certain heat - many people believe that simply opening a window is fine - not realising that this does not vent a car.” (Fiona Trappe)

Section 2 – Diet

Balanced Diet

“In the section on obesity, it may be helpful to give guidance on the nature and amounts of treats to give a dog. (Dorothy Holland)

Section 5 – Health

Healthcare

“I couldn't see any reference to the importance of registering the dog with a local vet to ensure annual checks are done - cost can be a concern however there is an opportunity to highlight the importance of pet insurance and some veterinary clinics locally run their own.” (Fiona Trappe)

Getting a Dog

Breeding and Neutering

“ [Suggest INSERT before draft COP para 5.12 – new paras 5.12 to 5.17 below]

5.12 It is important that the potential for inherited diseases is prevented as far as possible. A great deal of suffering, often occurring throughout the lives of offspring, can arise from such diseases. The owner should seek advice about genetic conditions that may occur in the breed of dog they have, and wherever appropriate, ensure that the dog is assessed for the likelihood that they may pass on such conditions before choosing to breed from it. In most cases, where risk of passing on harmful conditions is identified then the dog should not be bred from”. (UK Dog Breeding Reform Group)

General Comments

“The only thing missing from the code of practice is the requirement for owners to have a dog licence. Too many people do not look after their dogs properly, least of all by training them properly. In order to own a dog, all owner should be required to attend dog training classes in order to have a licence for that dog”.(Denbeigh Vaughan)

“Peoples recall is 70% visual - I would recommend that the documents contain a balance of text and visual - visual can be used in the examples of visually demonstrating the minimum space a dog of a certain size needs.” (Fiona Trappe)

Appendix 1

List of respondents:

Denbeigh Vaughan

Dorothy Holland

Fiona Trappe

John O'connor

Richard Ebley

UK Dog Breeding Reform Group