

## Appendix 12

### Summary of Consultation Response

(Cabinet report on proposal to update and adopt animal licencing conditions)

#### **List of Responders** (x 11 in alphabetical order)

Body making response - comment or support upon which model condition/s:

- [Bark and Call](#) –Home boarding requests
- [Cheltenham Animal Shelter](#) –Home boarding support
- [Defra](#) – General Comment in support of all model conditions (from Philip Alder in the Animal Welfare Team)
- IFAW – [International Fund for Animal Welfare](#) – Pet vending and dog breeding requests
- [Licencing Committee](#) – General support and kennel request
- [Naturewatch Foundation](#) (local charity) - General support
- [PDSA](#) - Pet venders, dog breeders and home boarders, kennels and catteries requests
- [Pegasus Veterinary Centre](#) –Cattery requests
- [Pets at Home](#) (Head office) –Pet vending requests
- [PetStay](#) (Gloucester franchise owner) – Home boarding requests
- [PIF](#) (Pet Industry Federation) –Home boarding requests

#### **Significant Responders**

(in alphabetical order: Bark and Call; DEFRA; IFAW; CBC Licencing Committee; PDSA; Pets at Home; PetStay; Pet Industry Federation; Naturewatch Foundation.)

#### **'Bark and Call'**

Bark and Call is a local independent licenced home boarder. They were the first home boarder to be licenced in the district and came to the Authority to request a licence. They are registered with the Kennel Club and have been breeding dogs since 2003. Living and working around dogs all their life. They commented extensively on the home

boarding model conditions making 8 requests.

## **DEFRA**

DEFRA offered their support to the adoption of the model conditions and Phil Alder Animal Welfare Team emailed the Authority on the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015:

*“We would like to take the opportunity to put forward the views of this department to the possibility of your council adopting the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health’s Model Conditions for licensed (i) pet shops; (ii) boarding establishments; and (iii) dog breeders.*

*It is our recommendation that the council adopt all of the CIEH Model Conditions because they provide local authority inspectors with clear guidance on the minimum welfare standards needed at these establishments in order to comply with the provisions of the Animal Welfare Act 2006.*

*The CIEH Model Conditions were drafted by key stakeholder organisations including, representatives from local authorities, animal welfare organisations, animal keepers and veterinary organisations. These conditions have been adopted by most councils which is not surprising given the expertise that has gone into these documents.*

*We are not aware of any other guidance documents that provide such informative assistance to inspectors in relation to these establishments and would be interested to know what other publications Cheltenham Council would use for their inspections if the CIEH Model Conditions are not used.”*

## **International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)**

The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) saves individual animals, animal population and habitats all over the world. With projects in more than 40 countries. IFAW rescues individual animals, works to prevent cruelty to animals and advocates for the protection of wildlife and habitats.

While they agreed with and welcomed the proposed changes they made requests for changes to pet vending appendix 7 and dog breeding appendix 8. They also provided guidance for inspection.

## **CBC Licencing Committee**

The [Licencing Committee](#) resolved in their meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015, the adoption in principle of the model conditions by Cabinet be supported subject to the following being included into the “CBC Licence Conditions for Dog Boarding – Kennels” following condition 4.2.6 (under ‘Kennel size, layout and exercise facilities’):

*“Suitable and adequate exercise in an outdoor environment (separate to the kennel areas) must be ensured for all boarded dogs that require it, to ensure a dog’s daily environmental and normal behaviour needs are meet.” (Please see appendix 10).*

This condition reflects animal welfare needs specified in the Animal Welfare Act 2006 but not covered by the model conditions (produced in 1995).

## **PDSA**

The head office of PDSA a charity that provides free veterinary care to sick and injured pets of people in need and works to promote responsible pet ownership responded to all five sets of conditions making 11 requests for changes.

## **Pets at Home**

Pets at Home are a large national chain of around 350 pet shops 2 of which reside in Cheltenham's borough. They have 338 vet practices and 179 groom rooms nationally. One of the Cheltenham stores has a veterinary practice. Two veterinary nurse assistants and their Operations Manager have offered support to the Authorities adoption of the CIEH model licence conditions for pet vending through email. They did however question some of the guidance within the document, but this is not relevant to the conditions being considered here.

## **PetStay**

The county franchise holder for Petstay (home boarding) requested changes to the home boarding model conditions. The franchise holder has lived and worked with dogs all her life. Comments in support of home boarding condition 5.8.3 are found in appendix 13.

## **Pet Industry Federation**

The Pet Industry Federation (PIF) contributed to the recent model conditions for pet vending and cat boarding (see appendix 4). They are a voice of the pet industry. In responding to our consultation they requested changes to the home boarding conditions see appendix 11.

## **Naturewatch Foundation**

The charity Naturewatch Foundation is a national charity which is locally based in Cheltenham. They have responded to the consultation with a statement that has both positive and negative comments regarding the proposed conditions. They have made no requests for changes to the conditions. Their response to the consultation can be seen in appendix 13.

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