

Andrew RT Davies MS,
Chair,
Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

27 March 2025

Dear Andrew,

Petitions P-06-1253 Ban greyhound racing in Wales and P-06-1354 The Welsh Government should support greyhound racing in Wales; and Petition P-06-1391 Introduce regulation of the dog grooming sector, to protect the welfare of dogs and rights of owners

The Petitions Committee met on the 10 March and considered the above two petitions on greyhound racing, the first submitted by Hope Rescue and the second by David Tams, before going on to consider a petition on regulating the dog grooming sector, submitted by Brian Howell.

The Committee noted that the Welsh Government's intention to introduce a ban on greyhound racing was clear. It was agreed to write to you as Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, the lead committee for scrutiny of these legislative plans, to make you aware of the two greyhound racing petitions. The Committee has agreed to close both of these petitions.

While a majority of Members supported the ban, Joel James MS does not support a ban as the way forward to address the animal welfare issues, and his views on Petition P-06-1253 are noted in paragraph 27 of the Committee's 2022 report ['The Final Bend?'](#)

In discussing the three petitions it was noted that there had been a wider consultation on the [Licensing of Animal Welfare Establishments, Activities and Exhibits](#), which included licensing of the dog grooming sector, and detailed scrutiny of Welsh Government's plans for the animal welfare issues in that wider consultation was needed.

With regard to **Petition P-06-1391 Introduce regulation of the dog grooming sector, to protect the welfare of dogs and rights of owners**, it was agreed that I will write to the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs to seek more information on the timeline for delivery of Welsh Government's [national model for the regulation of animal welfare](#), to deal with licensing of the dog grooming sector.



The full details of the Committee's consideration of all three petitions, including the correspondence and actions agreed by the Committee can be found here:

[P-06-1253 Ban greyhound racing in Wales](#)

[P-06-1354 The Welsh Government should support greyhound racing in Wales](#)

[P-06-1391 Introduce regulation of the dog grooming sector, to protect the welfare of dogs and rights of owners](#)

Yours sincerely



Carolyn Thomas MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

