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Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-477  
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Dear Janet

### **Petition P-04-477 Support for the Control of Dogs (Wales) Bill**

Further to my letter of 17 April, I promised to update you within six months.

Defra are taking forward many of the recommendations made by the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Parliamentary Select Committee (EFTA) in their 2018 report "Controlling Dangerous Dogs".

Research by Middlesex University, commissioned by Defra, using the joint England and Wales research budget, is in the initial literature review stage. The findings are due at the end of the year. Defra have confirmed, once the findings have been completed, there will be a detailed discussion with the Devolved Administrations. We can then determine what aspects are relevant to Wales.

I mentioned previously our consultation on Banning Third Party Sales of Puppies and Kittens and I have recently published a Written Statement on wider dog breeding issues which can be found at: <https://gov.wales/written-statement-dog-breeding-wales>

Regards

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