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Jo Hinde Email of 3 June 2015

To whom it may concern

I am a registered veterinary nurse that specializes in rabbits.

I urge you to take action to help rabbit welfare. As the UK's third most popular pet but one of the most neglected, we have a duty to try to make a change. Please consider adopting the following policies:

1. Introduce a licensing regime for sellers of young rabbits similar to that for young cats and dogs.
2. Initiate a ban on pet shop sales via the implementation of Ordinances Protecting Rabbits as is operational in numerous States & Cities in Northern USA & Canada.
3. Create minimum standards for rabbit related products, such as housing and feed.
4. Make one body responsible for overseeing and enforcing pet shop licensing regulations, e.g. the SSPCA.

You can make a huge difference to the lives of pet rabbits and the 67,000 rabbits that go through UK rescues each year (RWAFF 2012).

Kind regards,

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