

CROSS-PARTY GROUPS IN THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT ANNUAL RETURN FORM

1. GROUP NAME <i>Code of Conduct 6.2.4</i> Groups that have been accorded recognition will be permitted to use the title <i>Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament</i> .	
Cross-Party Group in the Scottish Parliament on Animal Welfare	
2. DATE GROUP APPROVED	3. DATE ANNUAL REPORT
1999	2 October 2012
4. GROUP MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES For each group meeting or other activity please provide the date, a brief description of the main subjects discussed and attendance figures (MSP and non-MSP).	
<p>There have been four meetings of the Cross Party Group on Animal Welfare, and one CCTV sub-group meeting, since June 2011.</p> <p>On Tuesday 28 June 2011 a brief business meeting took place in order to comply with the re-registration timelines following the elections to the Scottish Parliament in May 2011. Four MSPs and three Associate Members attended, with views on nominations for office having previously been sought by email. The following nominations were made and agreed unanimously: Convener: Christine Grahame MSP; Vice-Convener: Elaine Murray MSP; Secretary: Libby Anderson, OneKind</p> <p>On Tuesday 20 September 2011 the Group was attended by three MSPs, 20 Associate Members and three guests. The main item of business was a debate on <i>Supermarkets: good or bad for animal welfare?</i> The speakers were Andrew Nicholson, Agriculture Manager, The Co-operative; Mia Fernyhough, UK Food Business Manager, Compassion in World Farming; and Penny Ashcroft, Ethical Standards Adviser, British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection.</p> <p>On Tuesday 17 January 2012 the Group held its 50th meeting since its inauguration in 1999. Three MSPs, 21 Associate Members and one guest attended. Presentations were given on the use of CCTV in slaughterhouses by John Patrick of Scotland for Animals and Kate Fowler of Animal Aid. Beverley Williams, head of the animal welfare division, and Andrew Voas, veterinary adviser, contributed on behalf of the Scottish Government. It was agreed that a sub-group would be set up to investigate this issue further and provide MSPs with further information.</p> <p>The Secretary notified the Group that subscriptions were due for 2012 and would be charged at a rate of £10 per organisation or individual.</p> <p>The CCTV Sub-group met on Tuesday 20 March and agreed to conduct a survey of Scottish slaughterhouses to ascertain the current extent of use of CCTV.</p>	

On **Tuesday 1 May 2012** the Group discussed the availability of out-of-hours veterinary cover, especially in rural areas, as well as the implementation and enforcement of the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, and secondary legislation under the Act. The Group agreed to write to the Cabinet Secretary on these matters. The meeting was attended by two MSPs and 27 Associate Members.

5. GROUP MEMBERS *Code of Conduct 6.4, Rules 2, 3, 5, 6 & 8*

When listing members, who are MSPs, only the MSPs name need be given. For members from outwith the Parliament, the name of the member and any employer they represent must be given.

MSPs	Non-MSPs Individuals
Claire Baker MSP Claudia Beamish MSP Alex Fergusson MSP Christine Grahame MSP Jim Hume MSP Alison Johnstone MSP Elaine Murray MSP John Scott MSP	Will Caola Edna Elliot-McColl Ross Montague Patricia Neeson Fiona Nicholson Patricia Saluja Donald Shepherd Joan Shepherd
	Organisations

Animal Health and Veterinary Laboratories Agency – Michael Park
Animal Concern Advice Line – John Robins
Association of British Riding Schools – Brian Robinson
Born Free Foundation – Chris Draper
Blue Cross – Rachel Cunningham
British Association for Shooting and Conservation – Colin Shedden, Nicolle Hamilton
British Deer Society – John Bruce
British Equine Veterinary Association – Scott Pirie
British Horse Society Scotland – Helene Mauchlen
British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection – Russell Whiting
British Veterinary Association – Ross Allan, Bill Reilly, Sally Burnell
British Veterinary Nursing Association – Fiona Andrew
Canine Concern Scotland Trust – George Leslie, Allan Sim
Cats Protection – Jacqui Cuff, Esther Threlfall
Compassion in World Farming – Peter Stevenson
Convention of Scottish Local Authorities – Morton Houston
Dogs Trust – Jack Johnstone, Laura Vallance
Ethical Voice for Animals – Gillian Whisker, Allison Speer
Fife Council – Roy Stewart
Glo-Wild – Fraser Henderson
Independent Weimaraner Rescue & Re-Homing Service – Jean Fairlie
International Fund for Animal Welfare – Satyen Sinha, Thomas Quinn
Jeanne Marchig Centre for Animal Welfare – Natalie Waran
The Kennel Club – Victoria Brown
League Against Cruel Sports – Ian Beaumont
Marine Conservation International – Mauvis Gore
National Farmers Union of Scotland – Nigel Miller, Sarah Anderson
National Wildlife Crime Unit – Charlie Everitt
OneKind – Libby Anderson
Perth and Kinross Council – Dennis Hearsom
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Scotland – Julia Harrison
Scottish Government Rural Directorate (Animal Welfare) – Beverley Williams
Scotland for Animals – John Patrick, Tina Warren
Scottish Agricultural College – Brian Hosie, Françoise Wemelsfelder
Scottish Badgers – Ian Hutchison, Alistair Greig
Scottish Countryside Alliance – Jamie Stewart
Scottish Gamekeepers' Association – Alex Hogg, Victoria Greening
Scottish Rural Business and Property Association – Ailsa Anderson
Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals – Mike Flynn
South Lanarkshire Council – Helen O'Neill
Vetnetwork UK – Andrew Gardiner
West Lothian Council – Andrew Blake
World Horse Welfare – David Craig, Keith Meldrum, John Burns

6. GROUP OFFICERS Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 4

Please amend titles as necessary e.g. to indicate joint office holders, or preferred titles.

Convener	Christine Grahame MSP
Vice-Convener	Claudia Beamish MSP, Alison Johnstone MSP
Secretary	Libby Anderson
Treasurer	

7. FINANCIAL OR OTHER BENEFITS RECEIVED Code of Conduct 6.3.1 & 6.3.6, 6.4 Rule 10

The group must register any financial or other material benefit received by the group from whatever source, where the value of the financial sum or benefit from any single source exceeds £500 in any one calendar year. This includes donations, sponsorship, subscriptions, hospitality, gifts, visits, provision of services or accommodation or staff assistance. The value of use of Parliamentary facilities need not be registered.

The details requiring to be registered include a brief description of the benefit, the approximate monetary value, the date on which it was received and the source from which it came. Where a consultancy organisation provides benefits, the client on whose behalf these are provided should be named.

Date	Amount	Description
28/06/11 – 30/09/12	In-kind	OneKind – secretariat service

8. GROUP SUBSCRIPTION Code of Conduct 6.4, Rule 9

Where a group charges or proposes to charge a subscription, this must be reasonable and the same for all members. The amount of the subscription should be registered and the purposes for which it is intended to use the subscription.

Amount per group member per year	£10
Date subscription applied	January 2012

9. GROUP STAFF AS PARLIAMENTARY PASS HOLDERS

If a group makes use of staff issued with a Parliamentary pass, any paid activity undertaken by those staff where the employer benefits from the pass holder's access to the Parliament must be registered. There is no need to state the amount of remuneration. The requirement relates both to staff employed directly by the group and to staff employed by an outside organisation to provide assistance to the group.

Staff name	
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Title of post	
Name and address of employer organisation	
Type of employer organisation	
10. GROUP CONTACT <i>Code of Conduct 6.3.4, 6.3.5 and 6.5.1 – 6.5.4</i> Please give the full details of an elected official of the group who is an MSP who will be the contact for registration matters for the group. Initially this must be the Member who signs the declaration on compliance with the rules on behalf of the group. If a group subsequently changes the designated contact, the office of the Standards Clerk must be informed within 7 days of the change.	
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