

Annex A – Consultation on changes to the Animals Act 1971

Response form

Date: 27 March 2009

Please use this form to address specific questions relating to the proposals contained in this consultation.

The closing date for the submission of responses is **19 June 2009**.

Responses can be returned by email (preferable) or post.
Email address: **animalsact.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk**
(clearly mark the subject field ‘**Animals Act Consultation**’)

or by post to:

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In order to help us analyse responses, please provide details of your organisation below. In line with Defra’s policy of openness, at the end of the consultation period copies of the responses we receive may be made publicly available through the Defra Information Resource Centre, Lower Ground Floor, Ergon House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR. The information they contain may also be published in a summary of responses. If you do not consent to this, you must clearly request that your response be treated confidentially. Any confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system in email responses will not be treated as such a request.

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Animals Act Consultation I – Respondent Details

Name	
Organisation / Company	
Organisation Size (no. of employees)	
Job Title	
Department	
Address	
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Organisation Type	Please give details as appropriate
NGO	
Public Sector (e.g., local / central government, hospitals, universities) (please give details)	
Retail Sector (e.g., supermarkets) (please give details)	
Service Sector (e.g., cinemas, hotel chains, banks, law) (please give details)	
Industry / Manufacturing	
Land/Property Management	
Trader	
Research Institute	
Other (please give details)	

NB: on the form below, please leave the response box blank for any questions that you do not wish to answer. All boxes may be expanded as required.

Animals Act Consultation II – Specific Questions

1. Do you agree that there is a case for amending section 2(2)(b) of the Animals Act 1971?

Comments:

2. Do you have views regarding the expected benefits of the proposals as identified in Chapter 3 of this consultation document and addressed in the Impact Assessment at Annex C?

Comments:

3. Do you have any views on the possible adverse impacts of this proposal as identified in Chapter 3 of this consultation document and addressed in the Impact Assessment at Annex C?

Comments:

4. Do you agree that the proposed approach will achieve the objective of clarifying the law in order to limit the application of strict liability where harm or damage is caused by animals to cases where the animals involved are known to be dangerous either permanently or in the specific circumstances known to apply at the time the damage was caused?

Comments

5. Do you agree that the proposed Parliamentary resolution procedure (as outlined in Paragraphs 54-57) should apply to the scrutiny of this Proposal?

Comments:

6. Do you think the proposals will remove or reduce burdens as explained in Chapter 6?

Comments:

7. Are there any non-legislative means that would satisfactorily remedy the difficulties which the proposals intend to address?

Comments:

8. Are the proposals put forward in this consultation document proportionate to the policy objective?

Comments:

9. Do the proposals put forward in this consultation document taken as a whole strike a fair balance between the public interest and any person adversely affected by it?

Comments:

10. Do the proposals put forward in this consultation document remove any necessary protection?

Comments:

11. Do the proposals put forward in the consultation document prevent any person from continuing to exercise any right or freedom which he might reasonably expect to continue to exercise. If so, please provide details.

Comments:

12. Do you consider the provisions of the proposals to be constitutionally significant?

Comments:

13. Do the proposals put forward in the consultation document make the law more accessible and easily understood?

Comments:

Animals Act Consultation III – General Comments

Please provide any other comments on the proposed LRO