



6th May 2016 2pm-4pm

Location: The Kennel Club Boardroom, Clarges Street, London

Peter Laurie Battersea Dogs & Cats Home
Rosemary Smart Kennel Club
Richard Hooker PDSA
Prof Steve Dean Chairman
Philippa Robinson (Consultant)
David Cavil PETBC
Maggie Roberts Cats Protection
Jacqui Cuff Cats Protection
Marisa Heath CFSG
Sue Murphy Animal Health Trust

Paula Boydon Dogs Trust
Claire Horton Animal Health & Welfare Board England
Steve Goody Blue Cross
David Bowles RSPCA
Steve Crow GCCF
Susan Dawson BSAVA
Claire Calder Dogs Trust
Ed Hayes Kennel Club
Anne McBride ABTC
Alexandra Baker PIF

1. **Apologies:** Sue Murphy, Carol Warner, Claire Bessant
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** Agreed as set down
3. **Matters arising**

a) Membership

Having received a number of applications, members raised the concern that the Group might get too large and that it would not be balanced in regards to representation as it did need to include all of the wider sector. It was suggested that there should be ways of getting views from the smaller organisations and that each application would be considered with the requirement that it brought a new experience and insight to the Group.

c) CFSG Working Groups Update

i) Puppy Board – There have been issues moving the work of the Board forward owing to the wide range of views. There will be a review of it in the autumn after the Defra consultation has reported back.

ii) Zoonotic Disease Working Group –The Defra Rabies Core group met the week before the CFSG meeting. There was a discussion about the bat form of rabies and there is surveillance across the UK of bats. The meeting also looked at communication during a rabies outbreak. The Stakeholder group at Defra met in March with vets, APHA, Defra, Trading Standards, Police and Welfare groups.

iii. Model Licensing Working Group – Boarding Establishments Standards are with CIEH for tidying up and formatting. The Home Boarding document is moving forward and will be brought to the Group for consideration in due course.

iv)Cat Breeding Report – The initial report presented to CFSG is a roadmap for further research and seeks to pin down what is known and what is not known and what are the emerging concerns for welfare. There will be ongoing work from the report. Members agreed that the working group should present it to the AHWBE to get their views at this stage and see what the priorities are for the working group in regards to potential Government support and self-regulation of breeding.

5. **Brachycephalic Project – (Progress Report Statistic Work)**

CFSG members received a presentation from a consultant on a systems approach to dog and cat welfare. The aim is to collect shared data to inform decision making and facilitate constructive discussion and debate. The system used an example of a specific health issue where action is being taken to help show what is being done and identify the data gaps and trends. It was stated that data from primary veterinary practices would be useful, insurance companies would create a strong set of statistics as well as online sales companies. The Group decided to write to organisations that hold significant data and statistics and invite them to a meeting to discuss sharing that information. The chairman would then report the outcome of that meeting back at a main meeting.

6. **Any other business –**

- i) **Strategic Document -** One member of CFSG had been approached by a group of Local Authorities about a rehoming guide and CFSG made the decision to write a draft document
- ii) **Big Tent –** Members decided that a Big Tent meeting was due to ensure the Group heard the wider views and consulted with stakeholders. It was decided that November would be a good time as Defra would have come back on the Licensing Consultation and the EFRA Committee would have published their report.

7. Date of Next Meeting: 23rd July 2016