



AGENDA

15th September 2017 11am-1pm

Location: The Kennel Club, Clarges Street, London

Present: Chris Laurence (Chair), Richard Hooker (PDSA) (Vice Chair), Mike Webb (Battersea Dogs & Cats Home), David Bowles (RSPCA), Ros Clubb (RSPCA) David Cavill PETBC), Claire Calder (Dogs Trust), Paula Boyden (Dogs Trust), Nigel Baker (PIF), Alex Baker (PIF), Clare Williams (ADCH), Caroline Kisko (Kennel Club), Ed Hayes (Kennel Club), Mark Berry (NCAFG), Caroline Peacock (Guide Dogs), Steve Crow (GCCF), Maggie Roberts (Cats Protection)

1. Welcome and introductions

Chris introduced himself as the new Chair and said that he wanted CFSG to be proactive rather than just reactive and would use the strategy day in 2018 to look at issues CFSG should be working on.

2. Apologies

Marisa Heath (Secretariat), Steve Goody (Blue Cross), Claire Bessant (iCatCare), Bill Lambert (KC), Claire Horton (AHWBE), Sue Murphy (AHT), Susan Dawson (BSAVA), Linda Cantle (Woodgreen)

3. Matters arising

CFSG Working Groups Update

a). Cat Working Group

The Cat Group has finished the kitten checklist and will email this to CFSG members for sign off and for it to become a CFSG document.

b) Zoonotic Disease Working Group

The Defra Rabies Core Group is using improved more sensitive language on pets in the draft Rabies Contingency Plan.

c) Codes - the Cat and Dog Welfare Codes had been signed off by Defra with the text agreed as circulated to CFSG and could be ready to come into place by end of year.

4. Defra Licensing Work

The timetable is believed to be as previously set out: CFSG will hand over all its work on the Guidance for the Schedules to Defra by 1st October, this then goes to Defra lawyers and parliamentary draftsmen until December and CFSG can comment on any changes. The legislation will go before Parliament in late January 2018.

Members went through each draft Guidance- Dog Breeding, Dog Boarding – commercial, home and day care, Cat Boarding and Pet Vending making amendments and debating key points. Working Groups were set up to agree drafts by late September to be recirculated and agreed electronically in CFSG by 1st October. The Working Group membership was agreed as:

Pet Vending: Blue Cross, RSPCA, Dogs Trust, GCCF, KC, PIF

Dog Breeding: BDCH, Dogs Trust, KC, Guide Dogs

Dog Boarding – Dogs Trust, PIF, RSPCA, KC

It was agreed that it would be helpful if a Defra representative joined both groups.

7. AOB:

CFSG postponed its Big Tent meeting until early 2018 after CFSG had held its internal strategy meeting.

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