



AGM MINUTES

23rd September 2016 2pm-4.00pm

Location: The Kennel Club Boardroom, Clarges Street, London

1. **Welcome and introductions**

Nigel Baker (PIF)
Clare Williams (ADCH)
David Cavil (PETBC)
Susan (BSAVA)
Vicki Betton (PDSA)
Mike Webb (Battersea)
Maggie Roberts (Cats Protection)
Claire Calder (Dogs Trust)
Ed Hayes (The Kennel Club)
Steve Goody (Blue Cross)
David Bowles (RSPCA)
Linda Cattle (Woodgreen)
Sue Murphy (AHT)
Susan Dawson (BSAVA)

2. **Apologies**

Claire Horton (AHWBE)
Richard Hooker (PDSA)
Paula Boydon (Dogs Trust)
Rose Smart (Kennel Club)

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed and signed off

4. **AGM**

i) **Terms of Reference: Chairman & Vice-Chairman**

The chairman pointed out that he will have done two terms next year so it is important that CFSG has a clear outline of how to elect a chairman and what qualities they will seek from such a person. Members felt that it was important that the chairman had a good understanding of issues relating to dogs and cats and that they are independent of the groups around the table. It was agreed that the chairman could come from outside of the Group.

ii) **CFSG Constitution**

The discussion centred around whether CFSG should respond to issues in devolved administrations. Members felt that CFSG was originally set up to advise the AHWBE and should therefore focus on England. However, it was recognised that no such similar body existed in the devolved administration and that making them aware of the group could be useful

so they do not repeat any work already done. Additionally, when there are relating consultations that CFSG had responded on already on England the group would put a submission in. It was also agreed that if members of CFSG wished to alert the group to occasions where they think it would be valuable for it to put something in on a devolved issue they could do so.

5. **Matters arising**

i) **Working Groups**

a. Zoonotic Disease Working Group

The Zoonotic Rabies Core Group was due to meet but cancelled and rescheduled for November. DT attended a meeting with Defra on illegal puppy importation and reported that they are very much in listening mode.

b. Cat Working Group

The Group is working on the kitten checklist which is for people hoping to purchase a kitten to help them recognise welfare and health problems.

c. Model Licensing

The Home Boarding Document is in final phase and the working group is moving onto dog crèches. It was point out that the Model Licence Conditions are supposed to set out how to implement the legislation and as that is likely to change they will need to be looked at again soon. The group is suggesting they are updated every year.

On the issue of licensing and standards it was pointed out that the consultation response issued by Defra follows CFSG input into the consultation.

ii) **Strategy:**

Members agreed they were happy to take it forward to the Big Tent to gain the views of the wider sector.

6. **Re-Homing Guide Sign-off**

Action: Members agreed to sign off the draft document and for it to be taken it to NCAF on 1st December for local authority feedback and then brought back to CFSG with their views.

8. **Brexit letter**

Defra are still working on ideas so CFSG will look to its veterinary members to ensure a letter is sent that is scientifically accurate outlining the Group's views on Brexit and Pet Travel.

9. **Big Tent Meeting**

It was decided that the time for the meeting should be extended from 2pm-5pm to ensure all attendees were given the chance to participate. Members drew up a draft list of issues they expected to be raised such as model licensing, brachycephalic dogs and conformation, genetic health issues, pet travel and Brexit, the Puppy Contract, compulsory micro-chipping of cats, greyhound welfare and the Breed Specific Legislation.

10. **Any other business**

An email from GBGB was received asking for a CFSG representative to go on their new working group on standards. Members decided to put Peter Laurie forward as he has relevant experience.

It was raised that there was a Defra Consultation on the Review of The Non-Commercial Movement of Pet Animals Orders into which individuals can feed their views.

The RSPCA report on Section 1 of BSL asking for a Defra Enquiry was mentioned and the chairman sought member's views on CFSG supporting the campaign officially. Many members had already signed up and it was agreed that CFSG would put its weight behind the statement.

11. **Date of next meeting:** 22th November 2016 2-5pm, Defra.