



At the CFSG Big Tent meeting the discussion was broad and wide ranging, however some key themes arose through all of the break-out sessions which are useful in focusing our work in those areas. The themes were:

- Enforcement
- Public Awareness
- LAIAR Review
- Regulation Improvement or Addition
- Working with Key Partners
- Supporting Good Practice

CFSG has the following workstreams under its 2021-23 strategy and it is useful to see where the points raised at the Big Tent meeting can fit into workstreams to enable us to take as many as possible forward in the current session. The workstreams include:

- Cat Breeding
- Grooming & Walking Regulation
- AWE Regulation
- Responsible Dog & Cat Ownership
- Microchipping Review
- Influencing Breeding & Welfare
- Review of LAIAR
- Statistics
- Supporting LGAWG Enforcement Work

The following sets out all of the suggestions made by stakeholders at the Big Tent meeting for each subject area and where they can fit into the CFSG workstreams. As actions are undertaken a new column will be added to identify how the issue has moved forward or been concluded.

<b><u>Group 1: Breeding</u></b>			
<b><u>Issue Raised by Stakeholders</u></b>	<b><u>Theme</u></b>	<b><u>CFSG workstream</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
Better DBRG/CFSG Breeding Guidance awareness	Public awareness LAIAR Guidance	Influencing Breeding & Welfare	Promote on website Flag to DEFRA again Ask Pets4Homes to link
Improve breeding regs to tackle health issues	Enforcement improvement LAIAR guidance	Review of LAIAR 2022	Tools for inspector use being developed More clarity in guidance
Better use of Petfished to get broader understanding of breed health issues	Public awareness Enforcement improvement	Influencing Breeding & Welfare	PAAG working with Pets4Homes. DEFRA is continuing with Petfished and CFSG will ask them to include this issue.
Cat breeding issues rising- poor practice and health. Should be better awareness of existing tools	Public awareness	Cat Breeding	CFSG to publish non-stat good code of practice of cat breeding and signpost to existing tools on website
Business Test is ineffective	Regulation improvement	Review of LAIAR 2022	CFSG to raise with Defra again and consider alternatives

Registration of all litters	Enforcement improvement	Review of LAIAR	CFSG has presented this idea to Defra but it needs further consideration as it has its flaws
More veterinary expertise needed in inspection	Enforcement improvement	Supporting LGAWG Enforcement Work	CFSG will work with LGAWG on creating knowledge hubs for enforcement which could link into vets. Also encourage collaborative working between LAs to allow better skilled/trained staff to inspect for other authorities.
Star rating not working effectively	Enforcement improvement Public awareness	Review of LAIAR	CFSG has amended the guidance for inspectors around the star rating which will be updated shortly. We will consider how it works during the review
More enforcement needed	Enforcement improvement	Supporting LGAWG Enforcement Work	CFSG will work with LGAWG on creating knowledge hubs for enforcement and collaboration
Support small scale breeders	Enforcement improvement Public awareness	Review of LAIAR	CFSG will consider how to get light touch enforcement for small sale breeders. CFSG data group output likely to show importance of small scale breeders.
Requirement for mandatory "Pup with Mum" veterinary health checks to be provided to puppy buyers.	Regulation improvement or addition Public awareness	Influencing Breeding & Welfare	CFSG will look at this suggestion during the LAIAR review work

### **Group 2: Enforcement**

Local authorities need resourcing	Enforcement improvement	Supporting LGAWG Enforcement Work	CFSG will work with LGAWG on creating knowledge hubs for enforcement and collaboration.
Microchipping not effective	Regulation improvement	Microchipping Review	CFSG members working on review. Emphasis on database issues.
Star rating not being used effectively	Enforcement improvement	Review of LAIAR	CFSG has logged this for action during the review
More enforcement on pet theft	Enforcement improvement	Enforcement Work	CFSG members supporting Pet Theft Action campaign
Licensing and bad examples of enforcement putting off home breeders	Enforcement improvement	Supporting LGAWG Enforcement Work	CFSG will consider how to get light touch enforcement for small sale breeders. CFSG data group output likely to show importance of small scale breeders.

### **Group 3: Behaviour**

Lack of awareness over commitment of pet ownership	Public awareness	Responsible Cat and Dog Ownership	PAAG work with online platforms. In relation to commitment of working breeds as well as those pre-disposed to health conditions. Links to work on getting the "right" dog for that owner
Poor dog etiquette	Public awareness	Responsible Cat and Dog Ownership	Encourage puppy classes
Lack of awareness of behaviour signs	Public awareness	Responsible Cat and Dog Ownership	CFSG members have lots of resource around this and will look at how to more effectively use this.
Need to change culture on what is a "good" dog based on breed	Public awareness	Responsible Cat and Dog Ownership	CFSG will do some work with key members on this. Could look at being

			clear on what breed is good for a family with kids etc
Need for easy access of training help. Owner toolkit. Cost prohibitive to some	Public Awareness	Responsible Cat and Dog Ownership	Encourage well run training classes through vets and appropriate training bodies.
Not enough good well trained behaviouralists – practitioners need help in knowing at what level they should be operating	Working with key partners Supporting good practice	No work programme yet	ABTC critical to ensuring competence. RCVS aiming for accreditation as part of the vet-led team. Behaviour practitioners to be able to acknowledge limitations of competence.
Lack of regulation of industry	Regulation	Future LAIAR scope 2028	RCVS Accreditation.
Responsible sourcing of puppies and kittens	Public awareness	Statistic work	CFSG aiming to understand supply and demand better to that we can target responsible sourcing
Rescue and Rehoming of adult dogs needs more support around behaviour Need to create foster networks to pre-assess dogs.	Regulation addition Supporting good practice	AWE Regulation	Pre-assessment can be covered in the guidance for AWE
Need for consistent and cohesive information which is tied together across organisations	Public awareness	No work programme yet	CFSG will consider in due course.

#### **Group 4: Advertising**

Red flagging adverts & disrupters before people get onto the advert	Public awareness	Supporting LGAWG Enforcement work	Kept Animals Bill to limit imports. Ensure as many adverts as possible have a legitimate and traceable licence number
Get to different audiences	Public awareness	No work programme yet	
Standards for advertisers	Working with key partners	Review of LAIAR review 2022	When all breeders registered or licenced, number to be included in all adverts by law.
Star ratings on adverts	Working with key partners	Influencing Breeding & Welfare	CFSG working with Pets4Homes and other platforms to start using the start rating and flagging to the public that it means higher welfare. Consider Welsh model and mis-use of star rating
Those advertising over a number of times get identified and flagged	Working with key partners	Review of LAIAR 2022	Registration/licence number assists in verifying breeders.
More joined up sharing of information- local authorities etc	Enforcement	Support LGAWG Enforcement Work	CFSG working on creating knowledge hubs within local authorities to ensure consistency and information sharing.

#### **Group 5: Supply & Demand**

Stop illegal imports	Regulation	Influencing Breeding & Welfare	Kept Animal Bill aiming to stop puppy imports under 6 months
Define a responsible breeder more clearly	Public awareness	Influencing Breeding & Welfare	CFSG will seek to put a definition together with the KC
Understand the statistics and demand gaps for puppies and kittens to shape the legislation	Regulation improvement	Statistics	CFSG putting together statistics to get a better understanding of supply and demand
Raise the profile of disease risks and costs	Public Awareness	Influencing Breeding & Welfare	CFSG will work with DBRG and others to look at how this can be done
Licensing regulations are too complicated for home small scale breeders	LAIAR review	Review of LAIAR 2023	CFSG will consider how to get light touch enforcement for small sale breeders
Remove the business test	Regulation improvement	Review of LAIAR 2023	CFSG to raise with Defra again

Prevent bulk advertising	Working with key partners	Influencing Breeding & Welfare	CFSG will raise with PAAG
Prevent artificial insemination	Working with key partners	No set workstream yet	CFSG to discuss with RCVS and Defra
Filling the supply gap with imported adult dogs needs regulating – problems with behaviour and lack of health testing	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	CFSG has drafted regulations and guidance for AWES and is pressing Defra to consult on licensing
Consider the standards within UK rescue and rehoming as public may be adopting from abroad owing to bar being too high	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	CFSG has drafted regulations and guidance for AWES and this could be a point raised more widely within that work
<b>Group 6: AWEs</b>			
Should be licensed to separate them from 3 <sup>rd</sup> party sellers and importers	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	Largely adopted ADCH standards without lowering below licenced breeders/boarders. Franchise of importers important.
Would need to be enforced effectively, local authorities would need knowledge	Working with Key Partners	Supporting LGAWG enforcement work	LGAWG support important and training needed.
National database needed for all AWEs	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	CFSG will raise with Defra
There is a need to define what a rescue or rehoming organisation is as there are so many different ways of doing it going on	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	CFSG will do this in the drafting of the regulations and guidance
Consider financial implications including things like need for new buildings and planning etc	Working with Key Partners	AWE Regulation	Need for grandfathering of buildings and staff training for introductory period. Signposting to funding and financial support for any upgrading of facilities.
Band AWEs on size, set fees accordingly etc	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	Will need to be in guidance
Set timelines to meet requirements and give small organisations time	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	Grandfathering built in.
Should not be restricted to charities, should be private businesses etc	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	Charity status not relevant to animal welfare requirements.
Should be consistent with boarding standards but also recognise that animals spend longer in AWEs than boarding.		AWE Regulation	CFSG agrees and will work on this principle.
Define foster carers and consider how to cover them	Regulation addition	AWE Regulation	CFSG has included this.
Do not have business test or star rating	Regulation improvement	AWE Regulation	CFSG agrees that this is not needed.
<b>Group 7: Pet Businesses</b>			
How do we tackle all the online courses that do not meet standards	Enforcement	Support LGAWG Enforcement Work	CFSG will support LGAWG in setting out a hub that signposts all the right training and Defra can refer to it
Consider codes of conduct for different businesses	Work with key partners Supporting good practice	No set work plan yet	CFSG has done good practice guidance for unregulated business in the past and will consider whether this is a useful piece of work to consider in the next workplan.
Support for licensing dog walkers but promote best practice first	Regulation Addition	Review of LAIAR 2023	CFSG has written best practice and will ask Defra to consider licensing

	Supporting good practice		
More consistency needed around the star rating, it has not been effective, public are not aware	Public Awareness Enforcement	Review of LAIAR 2023	CFSG will take this forward with Defra and the LGAWG to look at how we improve this.
Government should do a campaign on licensing awareness	Public Awareness	Review of LAIAR 2023	CFSG will raise with Defra.
Franchisee situation is not working and needs re-thinking	LAIAR Review	Review of LAIAR 2023	CFSG has drafted franchisee guidance
Need a central record of any prosecution and revocation of licence as nothing stops a business moving to a different area and setting up again	Enforcement LAIAR Review	Review of LAIAR 2023	CFSG will raise with Defra
Inconsistency of inspections	Enforcement	Support LGAWG Enforcement Work	CFSG is helping L:GAWG in trying to set up hubs of local authorities to share expertise and information.