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Submitted to Licensing of activities involving animals
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Dog walking and dog grooming

1 Do you agree that dog walking businesses should be subject to a statutory licensing scheme?

Yes

2 If you do not support the introduction of statutory licensing, what controls, if any, would you otherwise recommend?

Please add suggestions for other controls below:

3 Do you think that license applicants should be required to hold recognised, relevant qualifications (for example, in dog behaviour, canine first aid, animal welfare)?

Yes

If yes, what level of training do you consider appropriate?:

A recognised qualification from a regulatory body would be appropriate. It should cover dog behaviour, controlling dogs and dog care.

4 Do you agree that the licensing authority should, where appropriate, be able to stipulate on any licence granted the maximum number of dogs that can be walked at any one time?

Yes

Please add any further comments:

Yes, we agree with this to ensure manageability, reduce dog control issues and increase public safety and confidence of safety.

5 Are there any further controls or measures that you would like to see introduced as part of a licensing scheme for dog walking businesses?

Q5:

Areas where dogs must be under control. Proof of insurance.

6 Do you support the proposal that applicants for a dog walking business licence are required to demonstrate that they maintain an acceptable level of record keeping and have clearly set out and established standards of service and care?

Yes

Please add any further comments:

7 Do you know of any challenges or negative consequences that may arise from the introduction of statutory licensing for dog walking businesses?

Yes

If yes, what are they and how best could these be addressed?:

Increased administrative and perhaps financial burden on businesses and enforcement agencies. We would suggest making the licensing process as streamlined, easy to enforce and as low cost as possible, in consultation with the affected parties. Enforcement duties are likely to be added to existing roles within enforcement agencies, so we would hope additional funding and training would be provided.

8 Are you aware of any examples of how any of the proposals above may impact, either positively or negatively, on those with protected characteristics?

Not sure

If yes, please explain your answer below:

9 Do you agree that dog grooming businesses should be subject to a statutory licensing scheme?

Not sure

10 If you do not support the introduction of statutory licensing, what controls, if any, would you otherwise recommend?

Q10:

11 In your opinion, should any future licensing scheme apply to dog groomers only or should it apply more widely, for example to all pet animals?

Not sure

Please add any further comments:

12 Do you think that holding a recognised qualification should be a requirement under any future licensing scheme?

Not sure

If yes, what qualification as a minimum should be required?:

13 Are there any further controls or measures that you would like to see introduced as part of a licensing scheme for dog grooming businesses?

Not sure

Please add any further comments:

14 Are you aware of any examples of how any of the proposals above may impact, either positively or negatively, on those with protected characteristics?

Not sure

If yes, please explain your answer.:

Animal boarding and equine riding establishments

37 Do you support our proposal to revoke the 1963 Act and bring animal boarding under the scope of the 2021 licensing framework?

Not Answered

Please explain the reason for your answer. :

38 Are there specific conditions or measures that you would like to see included in any future licensing scheme for animal boarding?

Q38:

39 Do you know of any challenges or negative consequences that may arise from revoking the 1963 Act and licensing instead under the 2021 licensing framework?

Not Answered

If yes, what are they and how best could these be addressed?:

40 Are you aware of any examples of how any of the proposals above may impact, either positively or negatively, on those with protected characteristics?

Not Answered

If yes, please explain your answer.:

41 Do you support the proposal to revoke the 1964 Act and bring riding establishments under the scope of 2021 licensing framework instead?

Not Answered

Please explain the reasons for your answer.:

42 Do you support the proposal to extend statutory licensing to other riding/equine activities such as those discussed above (donkey hire, pony parties etc.)?

Not Answered

Please explain the reason for your answer.:

43 If riding establishments and other equine activities were in future regulated under the 2021 licensing framework, what conditions of licence would you support or like to see included?

Q43:

44 Do you agree that local authorities should be able to licence riding establishments that operate to consistently demonstrable high standards for periods of more than 1 year?

Not Answered

Please explain the reasons for your answer.:

45 Do you think there should be any exemptions from the licensing system for certain types of equine activities or businesses, and if so, which ones and why?

Add any other equine activities or businesses that should be exempted from a licensing scheme and explain your reasons:

46 Do you know of any challenges or negative consequences that may arise from revoking the 1964 Act and licensing instead under the 2021 licensing framework?

Not Answered

If yes, what are they and how best could these be addressed?:

47 What other measures do you think could be taken to improve equine welfare in Scotland, and how could they be integrated into a modern licensing system for equine activities?

Q47:

48 Are you aware of any examples of how any of the proposals above may impact, either positively or negatively, on those with protected characteristics?

Not Answered

If yes, please explain your answer.:

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What is your name?

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Scottish Community Safety Network

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I consent

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Very satisfied

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Very satisfied

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