



### **Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Meeting**

- Next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021 @ 9am via ZOOM
- The council has made alternative arrangements for the provision of Dog Shelter Service and Dog Warden Service. South Dublin County Council will assist DCC in the provision and training of Dog Wardens over the coming months. Hollygrove Kennels continues to provide Dog Boarding Services to the council. The Unit will continue to liaise with other animal welfare organisations regarding the rehoming of dogs.
- It is now Dublin City Councils policy to include Kennel Cough in our vaccination suite. Worming and flea control is also mandatory for all dogs entering our care.
- Dun Laoghaire/Rathdown, Fingal and South Dublin Councils are working with Midlands Animal Care Limited to secure the services of Hollygrove Kennels for their medium to long term use under a negotiated contract. Midlands Animal Care Limited currently provide Pound services to Carlow/Kilkenny, Clare and Meath County Councils.
- A new Animal Welfare Unit page is currently being designed for inclusion on [Dublincity.ie](http://Dublincity.ie). The page will be fully accessible and it will be requested that a link to the page from the main site page is provided for ease of access. [Little Big Dog.ie](http://LittleBigDog.ie) is currently designing the page.
- An internal advertisement for Temporary Dog Wardens has been extended for two weeks to the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021. Interviews will be held the week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September with a view to immediate appointment for suitable candidates.
- An application is to be made to the Department in order to secure permission for four Dog Wardens and to regularise the Inspectors position.
- The Out of Hours number should be up and running by the end of September. The number will be monitored by the Dog Wardens and the Inspector.
- Training for staff and Dog Wardens regarding safe handling techniques, capture and seize, legislation and local byelaws is due to begin in September. It may be possible to allot some places for our colleagues in An Garda Síochána if there is an interest.
- A full revised tender document has been developed and is being assessed by DCC's Procurement Section for advice.

### **Actions:**

- Equipment for the safe handling of animals has been purchased and should be delivered shortly.
- The Unit is continuing its work to develop and improve policies and procedures to ensure that animal welfare is central to our work across the city.
- The Unit is continuing to develop relationships with statutory, voluntary, charitable and community organisations with a specific interest in animal welfare.
- Various investigations are currently underway with area offices in Finglas, Crumlin, Cabra and Coolock.
- The Animal Welfare Unit is working with My Lovely Horse and An Garda Síochána in Finglas, Coolock and Crumlin. A number of seizures under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 have been made and veterinary reports have been provided regarding the seizure state of the dogs. No seized dogs will be returned to the owners at present.
- There are nine dogs currently in our facility. 17 dogs have been rehomed under our agreement with Dogs Trust. Only one dog has been returned to its owner.
- 11 horses have been seized in the Dublin areas.