



Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Meeting

- Hollygrove Kennels continues to provide Dog Boarding Services to the council.
- Dogs Trust continue to provide rehoming services to the Animal Welfare Unit. 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.
- A new Animal Welfare Unit page has been designed as part of Dublincity.ie.
<https://www.dublincity.ie/residential/housing/animal-welfare> is the link.
All information is up to date and correct. animalwelfare@dublincity.ie is our email link.
- A Facebook page has been set up for the Animal Welfare Unit.
<https://www.facebook.com/Dublin-City-Council-Animal-Welfare-Unit-100853792552503?> is the link to the page. It is updated regularly with news, policies, regulations etc.
- The responsibility of Dog Owners has been republished with new contacts and information that is up to date.
- An application is to be made to the Department in order to secure permission for four Dog Wardens and to regularise the Inspectors position. This is currently being compiled and once completed will be sent to HR for the formal application to the Department.
- The Out of Hours/Emergency number 01 2226060 is up and running. The service is available up to 10.00pm Monday to Thursday and part-time on weekends. The service on Friday, the weekends and on public/bank holidays will be increased with the addition of the new wardens.
- Training for staff and Dog Wardens regarding practical safe handling techniques, capture and seize, legislation and local byelaws is taking place in from the 27th June to 1st July inclusive. This will complete our certified dog training course with Animal Concepts. Continuous Professional Development training will be encouraged and funded.

Actions:

- Working with Gardai to continue to monitor Carriage and Animal Welfare concerns. Inspections will be carried out periodically at Guinness Brewery, Temple Bar and Stephen's Green. All licences, tags and the welfare of the animals will be checked.
- 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. Some new policies and procedures accompany this report for the information of the Committee.
Your approval of policies and procedures would be appreciated.
- Various compliance investigations and inspections are currently underway across the City.
- The Animal Welfare Unit continues to work with My Lovely Horse and An Garda Síochána in all areas of the City. A number of seizures under the various Acts have been made and veterinary reports have been provided regarding the seizure state of the animals. No seized dogs/horses will be returned to the owners at present without full payment of penalties and compliance with all legislation.
- 97 dogs were seized/surrendered in the Dublin areas in 2022. There are 22 dogs currently in our facility. 38 dogs have been rehomed under our agreement with Dogs Trust. 3 dogs were euthanized this year due to court order, extremely aggressive behaviours and medical issues. 34 were returned to owners.
- 16 horses were seized thus far in the Dublin area in 2022. 5 have been returned to their owners. 2 horses were euthanized due to animal neglect. A Garda case is pending.