

CIEH Animal Welfare Conference

Half-day conference: Wednesday 28 February 2024

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Rob Quest, Chairman of the Canine and Feline Sector Group

09.40 Update on Dangerous Dogs Act 1991: XL Bully dog Ban

- What is the role of the Animal Welfare Officer? What powers are available and how are they used? Second phase of ban beginning from 1st February 2024

Speaker: Zoe Phillips, Regional Coordinator, Monmouthshire County Council

10:10 Deed not breed – a different approach to dangerous dogs

Speaker: Lee Gingell, Public Affairs Manager, RSPCA

10:30 How do we determine if dogs are of a banned breed or not?

Speaker: Peter Madden, Dangerous Dogs Advisor for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Hertfordshire Joint Protective Services

11:00 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11:20 An update on fixed penalties related to animal welfare offences

Speakers:

- Claire Ingham, Head of Better Enforcement, Transforming Animal Health and Welfare, Defra
- Adam Diep, Senior Policy Advisor Better Enforcement, Defra

11:45 Illegal dog breeding and the impact of Lucy's law

Speaker: Kate Ford, Animal Health Inspector, Heathrow Animal Reception Centre (HARC) – City of London

12:10 Importing animals and the increased risk of a rabies outbreak

Speaker: Zoe Phillips, Regional Coordinator, Monmouthshire County Council

12:45 Case study: Registration scheme linked to tenancies – dangerous dogs

- Mark Callis, Animal Welfare Service Manager, Wandsworth Council

13:10 What to look out for in 2024 – updates on microchipping cats

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13.25 **Closing remarks**

13.30 **End of conference**