



DEDICATED TO RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP

Dear Minister of Agriculture,

I am writing to you in connection with the review of the Statutory Instrument SI No. 681 of 2019 & its implementation.

As one of the foremost organisations in dog breeding, dog welfare & ownership we would be very appreciative of an invitation to be included in a consultation process.

Founded in 1922 (the same year as the state), The Irish Kennel Club has developed into by far the largest organisation for stud books, registration & dog breeders on this island. We register around 20,000 dogs annually & we oversee, insure and licence 600 canine events each year on the entire island. Our re-unification Micro Chip Database is State recognised. All these events are of great value to the economy.

They include 'conformation' Dog Shows, Obedience, Working, Agility Contests, Education Seminars on canine welfare & Field Trials for Working Gundogs. Our Field Trial members are very involved in the preservation of bird species & indeed do surveys & head counts to allow the Government to fill its returns for the EU & attract visitors to Ireland because of its unique wildlife & habitat.

We are recognised worldwide & are active members of the FCI, a world organisation for all kennel clubs. Our involvement in this organisation gives us access to many initiatives in health, welfare, legislation, breeding programmes & best practises from fellow members, veterinary organisations & research facilities worldwide. This type of information could be invaluable to legislators in Ireland.

We interact with veterinary groups & have close association with many other organisations that are concerned with animal welfare & responsible ownership.

Our connection to so many other federations worldwide coupled with our link to many organisations in Ireland, make our range of expertise, research & experience essential to any consultation in relation to the review of the aforementioned Statutory Instrument.

We would be delighted if you could meet with a delegation of our membership at your earliest possible convenience.

If you need any further information, please feel free to contact me

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