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*Dear William,*

Thank you for your letter about a petition to revoke the Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) (Wales) Regulations 2010.

The Regulations were made due to the physical and mental harm that could occur with the use of devices such as 'invisible' electric fencing; an electric shock is an electric shock whether caused by a remote or by an underground circuit system.

The Welsh Government reviewed the use of electronic collars thoroughly, carried out three public consultation exercises and successfully defended against two judicial challenges reviews. The Companion Animal Welfare Council (CAWC) recently researched the use of these devices and noted that they "can give rise to both behaviour and welfare problems".

With regard to the petitioners request for the Welsh Government to amend the legislation, we will always review Regulations after they have been in force for a period of time to ensure they are still fit for purpose. We will also review if there has been a change in the science of the use of these collars. So far, no significant proposals or change has been seen to warrant an amendment or reversal of this legislation.

*Best wishes,*

*John*

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