

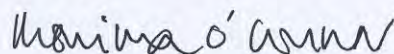
**P-04-445 Save our Welsh Cats & dogs from death on the roads –  
Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 02.12.14**

**Save our Welsh Cats & Dogs from Death on the Roads**

Further to the recent correspondence from The Deputy Minister Rebecca Evans AM of 13<sup>th</sup> November to The Chair of the Petitions Committee, William Powell AM, I am pleased to read that the Deputy Minister has the intention to review the Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) 2010 legislation in the coming weeks.

I would like to raise a few points here, if I may:

1. The law prohibits anyone attaching a collar capable of giving an electric shock to a cat or dog, so my offer was always to bring a qualified trainer to demonstrate the system - without any cat or dog - to the Minister and her Team - I must apologise for not making that clearer.
2. This law was introduced with only the human-activated electronic training collars for dogs having been debated in the Assembly. Quite rightly, the Assembly voted unanimously for a ban.
3. It is absolutely vital today that the Minister witnesses the British/European animal-activated accredited fencing system for herself to understand how it operates.
4. There are about 170 different types of electronic collar available in the world and there are only 5 that qualify for the British/European Standard.
5. For the Minister to arrive at a fair decision having explored every angle, I sincerely hope she will include evidence from external expertise – including myself.



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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014