



Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Meeting

- Next meeting 14th July 2021 @ 9am via ZOOM
- Framework for the Provision of Dog Shelter Services has been evaluated. None of the tenderers were deemed suitable.
- The council has made alternative arrangements for the provision of Dog Shelter Service and Dog Warden Service.
South Dublin County Council will assist DCC in the provision and training of Dog Wardens over the coming months.
Hollygrove Kennels will provide Dog Boarding Services to the council on an interim basis. The Unit will continue to liaise with other animal welfare organisations regarding the rehoming of dogs. All dogs have been fully vaccinated and are due to be spayed or neutered before moving on to be rehomed.

Actions:

- Met with Equine Education Task Force regarding Virtual Horse Week in Cherry Orchard and also discussed the increased number of horses in the area. It has been noted that there is also an increase in the dumping of animal waste in the area. A meeting is planned with the local area office, DSPCA, Cherry Orchard Equine Education and Training Centre and some local horse owners with a view to responsible ownership.
- Met with Dublin Regional Horse Welfare Group. I have suggested that DCC link with DSPCA regarding virtual workshops with staff on horses and dog welfare issues and how they may be handled locally.
- Equipment for the safe handling of animals is currently being sought and purchased.
- Training is being sourced for training Dog Wardens and staff regarding safe handling techniques, capture and seize, legislation and local byelaws.
- A new Animal Welfare Unit page is currently being designed for inclusion on Dublincity.ie. The page will contain information on the Unit, the Oversight Committee and the minutes of meetings once agreed by the Chairperson.
- 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.
- Various investigations are currently underway with area offices in Finglas, City Centre and Cherry Orchard regarding responsible horse ownership.