



Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Meeting

- Hollygrove Kennels continues to provide Dog Boarding Services to the council.
- Dogs Trust, My Lovely Horse and STAR Rescue provide rehoming services to the Animal Welfare Unit. The Unit will continue to liaise with other animal welfare organisations regarding the rehoming of dogs.
- The Animal Welfare Unit web page and Facebook page has been getting a lot of positive feedback.
- Work is ongoing with the Human Resources Department to regularise the positions within the Unit.
- The Ancillary Health & Safety Statement for the Unit is nearing completion.
- The Out of Hours/Emergency number 01 2226060 is well used.
- Training for staff and Dog Wardens regarding practical safe handling techniques, capture and seize, legislation and local byelaws has been completed. Continuous Professional Development training has been sourced and will be encouraged and funded. Further training is currently being sourced including behavioural assessment and identification and dart gun training.

Actions:

- Compliance checks with Gardai to continue to monitor Carriage and Animal Welfare concerns. Inspections are carried out periodically at Guinness Brewery, Temple Bar and Stephen's Green. All licences, tags and the welfare of the animals are be checked.
- 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. The Animal Welfare Unit have been present at five community events this year and plan on attending another three in the months of July and August.
- Various compliance investigations and inspections are currently underway across the City.
- The Animal Welfare Unit continues to work with My Lovely Horse and An Garda Síochána in all areas of the City. A number of seizures under the various Acts have been made and veterinary reports have been provided regarding the seizure state of the animals. No seized dogs/horses will be returned to the owners at present without full payment of penalties and compliance with all legislation.
- 182 dogs were seized/surrendered in the Dublin areas in 2022. There are 30 dogs currently in our facility. 86 dogs have been rehomed under our agreement with Dogs Trust. 3 dogs were euthanized this year due to court order, extremely aggressive behaviours and medical issues. 63 were returned to owners.
- From the beginning of the year to the 1st of July there were 24 horses seized across the city. 21 have been rehomed and two were returned to their owners. None were euthanized.