

PRESENTATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE UNIT FOR NORTH WEST AREA

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Animal Welfare Unit



THE FIVE FREEDOMS

- Freedom from Hunger & Thirst
- Freedom from Discomfort
- Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease
- Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour
- Freedom from Fear and Distress




LEGISLATION

- Control of Dogs Act 1986
 - Control Of Horses Act 1996
 - Animal Health & Welfare Act 2013
 - Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010
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PARTNERS

- DSPCA/ISPCA
 - DOGS TRUST
 - DOGS AID
 - STAR RESCUE
 - MOLLY MOO
 - MY LOVELY HORSE RESCUE
 - IRISH HORSE WELFARE TRUST
 - IRISH WILDLIFE TRUST
 - IRISH BLUE CROSS
 - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND THE MARINE
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WHAT DO WE DO ?

- Licensing of Dogs and Horses
 - Issue fines for irresponsible owner behaviour
 - Seize stray, aggressive or surrendered dogs and horses
 - Provide Municipal Shelter for seized dogs and horses
 - Assist with re-homing of dogs and horses
 - Assist with Multi-Agency Operations – AGS, DAFM
 - Patrol public areas, parks and beaches
 - Carry out welfare checks on reported concerns
 - Investigate reports of illegal dog breeding
 - Inspect Equine Premises
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EDUCATION

- **2 programmes of Education**
 - Training programmes for Animal Welfare Staff, Park Wardens, An Garda Síochána and DAFM
 - Education for dog and horse owners
 - Responsibilities
 - Training
 - Good care
 - Legal obligations
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EXPANSION

- Staff levels at start of 2023
 - 2 office based and 2 Outdoor
 - Projected Staff levels @ end of 2023
 - 4 Office Staff and 8 Outdoor to include 6 Animal Wardens
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