PRESENTATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE UNIT FOR NORTH WEST AREA

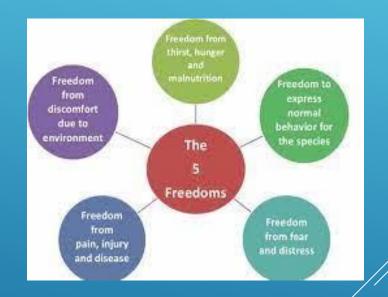
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Animal Welfare Unit



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

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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- 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

EDUCATION

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

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