



Oversight Committee on Animal Welfare Meeting

- Next meeting 13th September 2021 @ 9am via ZOOM
- 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 continues to provide Dog Boarding Services to the council. The Unit will continue to liaise with other animal welfare organisations regarding the rehoming of dogs.
- A new Animal Welfare Unit page is currently being designed for inclusion on Dublincity.ie. The page will be fully accessible and it will be requested that a link to the page from the main site page is provided for ease of access. [Little Big Dog.ie](http://LittleBigDog.ie) is currently designing the page.

Actions:

- Equipment for the safe handling of animals has been purchased and should be delivered shortly.
- Training for staff and Dog Wardens regarding safe handling techniques, capture and seize, legislation and local byelaws is due to begin in September.
- 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, Crumlin, Cabra and Coolock.
- The Animal Welfare Unit is working with My Lovely Horse and An Garda Síochána in Finglas, Coolock and Crumlin. A number of seizures under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 have been made and veterinary reports have been provided regarding the seizure state of the dogs. No seized dogs will be returned to the owners at present.
- There are nine dogs currently in our facility. 17 dogs have been rehomed under our agreement with Dogs Trust. Only one dog has been returned to its owner.
- 11 horses have been seized in the Dublin areas.