

Welsh Parliament / Senedd Election 2021

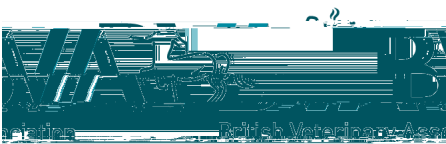
A snapshot of key commitments from the main parties' manifestos affecting animal health and welfare, *and other relevant issues*

Farming, Rural Wales and Tourism

- Introduce a Welsh Agriculture Bill that will place a greater emphasis on public goods such as decarbonisation, sustainable food production, and enhanced biodiversity (p62)
- Introduce a baseline support payment to offer the industry greater economic stability. This support will be used to encourage the highest standards of public health and animal health and welfare, and to facilitate a greater shift towards more low carbon and high nature value farming (p62)
- Utilise wider investment to support the transition to more sustainable and diverse forms of land use, including organic farming, regenerative agriculture, agroforestry and mixed farming (p62)
- Commit to the full use of the EU 2014-20 Rural Development Programme funding by 2023; also retain a commitment to our share of funding towards what would have been the successor 2021-27 Rural Development Programme (p62)
- Commission an independent review of the effectiveness and value for money of RDP projects thus far which will inform our proposals for future rural support (p62)

Empowering Rural Communities

- Commit to using the most effective measures to control and eradicate TB, utilising lessons from elsewhere in the UK and beyond. We will also support work to tackle other animal health challenges such as Bovine Viral Diarrhoea and Sheep Scab (p62)
- Work closely with Welsh Police and Crime Commissioners and the UK Government to tackle rural crime, particularly to seek the devolution of powers to take greater action on attacks by dogs on farm livestock (p62)
- Invest in rural science and technology to research, develop and promote more sustainable methods of meeting needs. We will particularly focus on innovation relating to climate change adaptation, resource use efficiency, waste reduction, livestock and crop improvement and the control of pests and diseases (p62)
- Work with farmers to reduce the use and impacts of fertilisers, pesticides, herbicides, antibiotics and the extent of nitrate run-off (p64)
- Aim to considerably increase the level of organic farming in Wales and significantly grow the horticulture sector (p64)
- Commit to working with rural mental health charities, farming unions, Wales YFC and others to ensure that support and advice is available and accessible to those who need it (p64)



- Work with the industry, Natural Resources Wales and other stakeholders to repeal Labour's NVZs Nitrate Vulnerable Zones and introduce better targeted regulations within our first six months in Government. This will be complemented by a robust voluntary approach elsewhere, based on schemes that have clearly demonstrated success in reducing levels of nitrates (p64)

Fisheries, Seafood and Aquaculture

- Commit to introducing a Wales Fisheries Bill. We will work with industry stakeholders to develop fisheries and aquaculture policy, backed by a strategy that has sustainability, investment and industry engagement at its core (p64)

Animal Welfare

- Work with stakeholders to build upon the high level of animal welfare standards already in place in Wales (p64)
- **Improve the enforcement and delivery of licensing requirements relating to dog breeding establishments in Wales, building on the recent review of regulations by the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group (p64)**
- Improve horse welfare by taking action on equine tethering (p64)
- Review pet vending, focusing especially on the regulation of animals sold online (p64)
- Issue model tenancy proposals on pets in social housing and work to reduce barriers between homeless pet owners and homeless shelters (p64)
- Support the development of statutory codes of practices for the keeping of exotic pets in Wales (p64)
- **Ban the keeping of primates as pets (p64)**
- End the giving of pets as prizes.

A Welsh Food System

- Develop a food system strategy for Wales by establishing a cross sector Food System Commission, to be tasked with developing a roadmap towards a food System that's fit for future generations (p65)
- Increase Welsh processing capacity across the board. Reversing the loss of local processing capacity will be a positive move for the communities who live and work in rural areas, for animal welfare, for tackling climate change and for the rural economy (p65)
- All public procurement of food should prioritise the purchase of Welsh-produced food (p65)
- Promote 'Made in Wales' on Welsh food products, working with producers to create high value products to appeal to a wider market (p65)
- Support the development of urban farms in creating ultra-local food systems in our cities (p65)

Welsh Conservatives

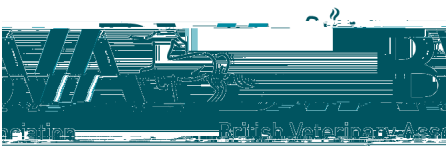
Environment, animal welfare and agriculture

Building back greener

- Tackle climate change by ensuring Wales meets our net-zero carbon emissions target by 2050 (p29)

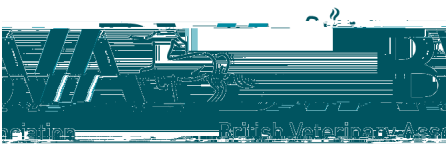
Promote a green recovery

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Enhance animal welfare and protect wildlife

- Establish an animal offender register in Wales (p30)
- Ban the keeping of primates as pets (p31)
- Review pet breeding standards and registration requirements to ensure adequate protection for animals and bring forward the ban on the third party sale of cats and dogs (p31)
- Promote honest labelling to enhance consumer choice, including distinguishing between stunned and non-stunned slaughter methods and introduce CCTV in abattoirs (p31)
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Welsh Liberal Democrats

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Farming and agriculture

- Ensure that the Basic Payments Scheme is replaced by a system based on public money for public goods, including: sustainable land management for biodiversity gain and for improvements in water quality and pollution levels (p30)
- Ensure that transition from the Basic Payments Scheme to the Sustainable Farming Scheme leaves no farmer without financial support during the process (p30)
- Increase resources for Natural Resource Wales to enable investigation and prosecution of incidents of pollution, supporting targeted interventions based on the pollute4 0 Td(E)-5.1 (ap7 (e)4a0-4 (p)-3.7)4.5 (t)2fut

