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Dear Malcolm,

Thank you for your letter of 9 February to the Secretary of State on behalf of the British Veterinary Association and specialist divisions, about the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

As outlined in our 2021 Action Plan for Animal Welfare, the Government has an ambitious agenda for animal welfare and conservation reforms, which we plan to take forward during the current Parliamentary session and beyond. We will continue to introduce and support legislative and non-legislative reforms when we can.