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Dear Consultee

Consultation - Animal Welfare (Prohibited Procedures – Exemptions) (Jersey) Order 202-

You may be aware that in March 2026 the States Assembly passed the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2026 "the Law." The Law has now been given Royal Assent and will be registered at the Royal Court before it goes back to the States Assembly. The Law may come into force later this year or early next year.

The Law allows the Minister for the Environment to introduce orders as set out under article 34.

We are launching this consultation to seek your views on our proposal to make certain prohibited procedures exempt under the Law.

The Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004 makes it an offence for a person to subject an animal to an operation which is performed without due care and humanity. Certain operation must be performed with the use of an anesthetic, and some operations listed in the schedule of the 2004 Law may be performed without the use of an anesthetic.

Under the new Law we are proposing a draft order, **Animal Welfare (Prohibited Procedures – Exemptions) (Jersey) Order 202-,** which permits specific exemptions to article 6 of the Law to allow a person permitted by the Law under article 4 in accordance with any restrictions or requirements listed in the schedule of this order to be permitted.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek views on the proposal to permit specific exemptions under restrictions or requirements in Jersey. (Please read the draft order to help understand the proposals).

The proposed secondary legislation strengthens and adds details to the recently agreed animal welfare law

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals in the draft order which will be used to help refine proposals and inform policy decisions on how the Minister may proceed with any subsequent legislation changes.

The consultation will be open for 5 weeks and will you please send any response at your earliest opportunity preferably by email to rva@gov.je alternatively, in writing to me. The consultation will be closed on the 14 July 2026.

You are welcome to share this letter and the draft Order with any interested person.

We look forward to receiving your comments and/or suggestions.

Yours sincerely

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