



Please help improve the lives of millions of animals through the [Animal Welfare \(Kept Animals\) Bill](#)

It will take just five hours for the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill to complete its journey through the House of Commons, having been held since May 2022.

It is essential that this vital Bill becomes law as soon as possible to improve the health and welfare of millions of animals.

The Kept Animals Bill will address key animal health and welfare issues, such as ear cropping, puppy smuggling, livestock worrying and the keeping of primates as pets. It is therefore essential that it continues in its current format, including vital measures to tackle these issues, such as those designed to prohibit the import of dogs or cats with mutilations, review zoo standards, and implement a robust and effective licensing system for all privately kept primates.

On behalf of the British Veterinary Association (BVA), which represents nearly 20,000 veterinary professionals, I am writing to ask you to urge the Government to deliver on its promised commitment to animal health and welfare, by ensuring the continuation of this crucial and long-awaited piece of legislation through Parliament.

More detail on the Bill can be found in Lord Trees' recent article for BVA on [Politics Home](#).

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Morley', written over a horizontal line.

Malcolm Morley
BVA President