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Dear Sir/Madam

CALL FOR INFORMATION ON ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES RELATED TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

As you may be aware, the first AWC opinion on animal welfare issues related to COVID-19 has been published and can be viewed accessing the following link : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/awc-opinion-on-the-animal-welfare-issues-related-to-covid-19> . The report is different in that it was produced in a short time and is based on AWC's own observations, rather than direct engagement with the sectors.

In preparation for the second AWC report looking at the longer-term impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak restrictions on animal welfare, we have identified the reoccurring themes that will help us structure the report. We are now seeking your views on how many of the issues already underlined in the first report have come to pass and what might be the current and future impacts on animal welfare as a consequence of COVID -19 restrictions, including a possible "second wave", moving forward affecting welfare in the next 6 months and into the opening months of 2021.

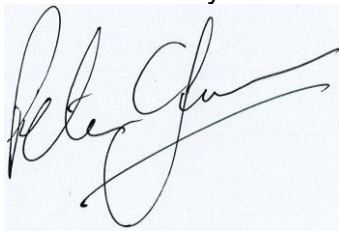
How to respond

With the below themes in mind, please send us your views on key issues by replying to Alexandra.Tocu@defra.gov.uk with Peter Jinman and Imogen Gibbins in the CC box, no later than **Friday the 31st of July 2020**. Also, please flag any new themes that you consider have not been mentioned so far.

- Business
- 'Just-in-case' approach (looking at contingency planning at all levels from animal owner to governments)

- Personnel
- Behavior
- Nutrition
- Breeding
- Transport
- Slaughter
- Health
- Charities, Rescue Centres and Educational Farms
- Veterinary profession
- Supplies

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Jinman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Jinman
Chairman, Animal Welfare Committee