*DRAFT template letter to MPs on the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill:*

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Dear [insert name of MP]

As a veterinary professional and resident in your constituency of [insert constituency], I am calling on you, as my MP, to urge the Government to deliver on its promised commitment to animal health and welfare, by ensuring the continuation of the crucial and long-awaited Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill through Parliament.

This vital Bill will address some of the most pressing animal health and welfare issues of our times. With this in mind, it is essential that it continues to include vital measures, such as those designed to tackle puppy smuggling, prohibit the import of dogs with cropped ears, review zoo standards, impose a ban on keeping primates as pets and introduce mandatory, reliable pre-import testing for dogs with unknown health statuses.

[*Add text here about your personal experiences in relation to the above i.e. why these measures are needed. This will be especially powerful if you can link that to the MPs constituency to make it more relevant to them.*]

While I understand that recent national events have rightly and understandably led to changes in the parliamentary programme in recent weeks, it is essential that this important piece of legislation does not slip through the net as a result. The Bill is a golden opportunity to improve the health and welfare of billions of animals and it must continue its passage into law.

With this in mind, I am asking you to write to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, urging her to ensure that this vital piece of legislation remains high on the agenda and fulfils its commitment to all of the areas highlighted above. I welcome your comments on this important matter.

Yours sincerely

[insert name]