**Potential controls or prohibition of electronic training aids in Scotland**









CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Please ensure that you have read and understood the consultation document before completing this questionnaire. If you have any queries, please contact us; contact details are provided in the consultation document. When returning this questionnaire, please ensure that you have enclosed your completed Respondent Information Form to ensure that we handle publishing your response in the correct manner. Thank you for taking the time to respond to this consultation.

**Information about you**

The following questions aim to gather general information about respondents that will aid in the analysis of the responses to this consultation.

Please indicate which of the sectors you most align yourself/your organisation with for the purpose of this consultation (please tick the one most applicable to you):

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| Animal Welfare Organisation  | [ ]  | Collar manufacturer | [ ]  |
| Dog Society | [ ]  | Local Authority | [ ]  |
| Cat Society | [ ]  | Veterinarian | [ ]  |
| Animal Trainer | [ ]  | Member of the general public | [ ]  |
| Animal Behaviourist | [ ]  | Retailer | [ ]  |
| Pet Owner | [ ]  | Other  | [ ]  |

If ‘Other’, please specify

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Please indicate where you currently reside.

Scotland [ ]

England [ ]

Wales [ ]

Northern Ireland [ ]

Republic of Ireland [ ]

Other [ ]

If ‘Other’, please specify country

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**Evidence on electronic training aids**

This section gives you the opportunity to provide us with any information you may have on any misuse or positive outcomes of the use of electronic training collars

**Consultation Question 1** Do you have evidence of any intentional or unintentional misuse or abuse of any type of electronic training aids in Scotland?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

If yes, please provide details, including which type of collar or device.

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**Consultation Question 2** Do you have evidence of positive outcomes following the use of electronic training aids in Scotland?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

If yes, Please provide details, including which type of collar or device.

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**Existing animal welfare protection**

Currently, the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act 2006, sections 19 and 24, makes it an offence to cause a protected animal “unnecessary suffering” and to fail to meet the needs of an animal.

**Consultation Question 3** Do you believe that this is sufficient to protect animals who wear electronic training aids?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please explain why.

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**Consultation Question 4** Do you think that Scottish Government guidance or a statutory welfare code is required?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please explain why and what you would like to see in place.

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**Ban or regulations**

This section will allow us to gather views on a potential ban or stricter regulations.

**Consultation Question 5** Thinking about the current legislation, which one of the following do you think is necessary?

A complete ban of certain devices [ ]

Stricter regulations [ ]

A combination of bans and stricter regulations depending on devices [ ]

Scottish Government guidance or a statutory welfare code [ ]

Nothing, current legislation is sufficient [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please explain why.

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| Details: |

**Potential ban**

**Consultation Question 6** In your opinion, which, if any of the devices listed should be banned? (Please select all the devices you think should be banned.)

Please select all that apply.

Remote training collars

* Static pulse [ ]
* Spray [ ]
* Sonic [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]

Anti-bark collars

* Static pulse [ ]
* Spray [ ]
* Sonic [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]

Boundary Fence Systems

* Static pulse [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please explain why.

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| Details: |

**Potential regulation**

**Consultation Question 7** - In your opinion, which, if any, of the devices listed require regulation? (Please select all the devices you think should be regulated.)

Remote training collars

* Static pulse [ ]
* Spray [ ]
* Sonic [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]

Anti-bark collars

* Static pulse [ ]
* Spray [ ]
* Sonic [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]

Boundary Fence Systems

* Static pulse [ ]

Don’t Know [ ]

Please explain why.

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**Consultation Question 8** - If the use of electronic training aids was regulated, what conditions should be required for the authorisation of their use? Please explain why you think that this is necessary.

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**Consultation Question 9** If the use of electronic training aids was regulated, which bodies would be best placed to authorise the use of electronic training aids? Please explain why.

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| Comments:  |

**Use and financial impact – Pet Owners**

This section is seeking information to inform any business and regulatory impact assessment that may be required.

**Consultation Question 10** - Have you ever bought an electronic training device?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

If yes, please specify which device(s) you have purchased.

Remote training collars

* Static pulse [ ]
* Spray [ ]
* Sonic [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]

Anti-bark collars

* Static pulse [ ]
* Spray [ ]
* Sonic [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]

Boundary Fence Systems

* Static pulse [ ]

**Consultation Question 11 -** From where did you purchase your device?

Direct from a manufacturer [ ]

Pet store [ ]

Online e.g. Amazon/eBay [ ]

Other [ ]

If ‘Other’, please specify.

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| Comments: |

**Consultation Question 12** - How much did your device cost? Please use the price ranges below.

Under £50 [ ]

£50 - £100 [ ]

£100 - £150 [ ]

Over £150 [ ]

Don’t know/can’t remember [ ]

**Use and financial impact – Manufacturers/retailers**

We would like information on how introducing a ban or regulations would affect your business in the collar industry.

**Consultation Question 13** - Would your business/company be affected by any ban or stricter regulations put on the use in Scotland of any of the electronic training aids listed?

Remote training collars Yes No Don’t know

* Static pulse [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Spray [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Sonic [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Anti-bark collars

* Static pulse [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Spray [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Sonic [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Boundary Fence Systems

* Static pulse [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Please provide details of any effect on your business/organisation.

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**Consultation Question 14** - If known, how many of the listed electronic training aids has your business sold to users in Scotland within the 2014/15 financial year?

Remote training collars

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Anti-bark collars

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Boundary Fence Systems

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| Static pulse |  |

**Consultation Question 15** - If known, please provide an approximate annual profit obtained from sales of electronic training devices per year. If possible, please indicate what proportion of those sales were in Scotland or the UK.

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**Use and financial impact –**

**Dog trainers/behaviourists/manufacturers/retailers**

This section allows you to provide information on the use of electronic devices in Scotland.

**Consultation Question 16** - Would a ban or restriction in Scotland on the use of any of the electronic training aids listed have an effect on your business or organisation?

Remote training collars Yes No Don’t know

* Static pulse [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Spray [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Sonic [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Anti-bark collars

* Static pulse [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Spray [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Sonic [ ]  [ ]  [ ]
* Vibrate [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Boundary Fence Systems

* Static pulse [ ]  [ ]  [ ]

Please provide details of any effect on your business/organisation:

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**Consultation Question 17** - Please describe what effect restricting the use of electronic collars to authorised persons would have on your business or organisation.

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**Use and financial impact – Pet behaviourists/pet trainers**

We would like you to provide information on the use of electronic collars in Scotland.

**Consultation Question 18** - Approximately how many dogs did you recommend the use of electronic training collars for in Scotland in 2014?

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**Consultation Question 19** - If you sometimes recommend the use of an electronic training collar, generally, do you provide the electronic training collars or do owners purchase the collar themselves?

I provide the collar [ ]

Owners purchase themselves [ ]

It varies [ ]

**About the consultation**

While we have done our best to explain the issues facing us clearly, there may be aspects that you feel that we have not explained well or have not covered at all.

The following questions in this consultation paper are to provide you with the opportunity to raise such points, and to provide us with feedback on the consultation itself.

**Consultation Question 20** – Please provide any other comments you may wish to add on a potential ban or regulation of electronic training devices.

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| Comments:  |

**Consultation Question 21** – Do you consider that that consultation explained the key issues sufficiently to properly consider your responses?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

**Consultation Question 22** – Do you consider that you had sufficient time to respond to the consultation?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

**Consultation Question 23** – Do you have any other comments on the way this consultation has been conducted?

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