



EUROPEAN CONVENTION FOR THE PROTECTION OF PET ANIMALS

At a recent meeting at Clarges Street between The Kennel Club and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons the subject of the Convention was discussed. The RCVS reported that, following a meeting of its Officers earlier in the month, it had decided not to take the issue any further at the present time.

The RCVS initiated an informal consultation in April 2000 to find out how some 30 animal organisations felt about the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals in view of the indications from the Home Office that it would re-open discussions in 2000 about ratification and implementation by the UK Government.

In total, around 200 responses were received by the RCVS, many from breed clubs and individual breeders. The Kennel Club itself had voiced various concerns regarding the possible consequences of support for the Convention.

RCVS Junior Vice-President, Roger Green, said: 'RCVS Officers felt that the RCVS had done what it had set out to do with its informal consultation and had received a range of views on the Convention. Any further action would now be a matter for the Home Office.'

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