

Priority

**A compassionate approach
(animal welfare)**

Year: 2018/19

Activities	Baseline and Measurement	By When	Resources	Risks	Outcomes
1. Develop an approach for the Constabulary and Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to help animals enjoy a life free of cruelty and ensure both legal entities have regard to animal welfare in their policy development					
2. Work with partner agencies to ensure positive action is taken against those who break the law in relation to the welfare of animals					
3. Work with organisations who seek to educate in animal welfare and responsible ownership matters					
4. Ensure proactive crime prevention advice is made available to pet and other animal owners					
5. Ensure reports of dog or other pet/animal theft or crimes against animals are investigated by the Constabulary					

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6. Follow and be involved in the work of groups such as the All Party Group for Animal Welfare (APGAW) to ensure the Constabulary and the OPCC act on or influence any relevant legislation or good practice, including its commitment to One Welfare*					
7. Ensure the Constabulary treats its own animals (police dogs and horses) with compassion, respect and the highest levels of animal welfare and values the service they deliver and the work they do					
8. Ensure the link between animal cruelty and human wellbeing and vulnerability is acknowledged, understood and acted upon as part of a One Welfare* and the Constabulary's approach to staff welfare					
9. Ensure the Constabulary maintains good levels of expertise to understand issues such as wildlife crime and other illegal activity, such as crimes against endangered species. This includes the Constabulary's Rural and Environmental Crime Officer/Liaison Officers and working with organisations such as the National Wildlife Crime Unit ** and linked to the Draft Wildlife Crime Strategy 2018-2021 *** and Wildlife and Countryside Link ****					

* One Welfare - The new Animal Welfare Sentencing & Recognition of Sentience Bill proposes to transpose Article 13 into UK law and imposes a duty on Ministers of the Crown to have regard to animal welfare in policy formation. Whether the draft Bill is amended or changed, the principle of sentience in UK law has been agreed and this is strongly supported by stakeholders and the public. With world consumers increasingly seeking welfare-responsible products, improving welfare across the board and ensuring the UK remains a global leader in animal welfare post-Brexit could develop a valuable boost for trade and influence internationally. One of the key questions being considered by Parliament's All Party Group on Animal Welfare (APGAW) is how the principle of sentience will be implemented and how we can balance animal welfare with the public interest. APGAW believes the framework of One Welfare could help to develop an integrated approach where policy formation recognises the links between human well-being and animal welfare and contributes to raising awareness of all the

positive benefits of improving animal welfare and facilitating identification of projects where animal welfare improvements add value to society.

** National Wildlife Crime Unit - <http://www.nwcu.police.uk/>

*** Draft Wildlife Crime Strategy 2018-2021 - https://www.cieem.net/data/files/Resource_Library/Policy/Policy_work/Wildlife_Crime_Strategy_Consultation.pdf

**** Wildlife and Countryside Link and Wales Environment Link are coalitions of charitable organisations concerned with the conservation and protection of wildlife and the environment - <https://www.wcl.org.uk/>