

**P-05-919 Do not implement licensing for show dogs, cats and shown horses**  
This petition was submitted by Our Dogs having collected a total of 4,241 signatures.

### **Text of Petition**

The Welsh Government is currently consulting on new Regulations regarding Animal Exhibits which includes a proposal that anyone exhibiting (showing) a dog or cat (or other pet species) in Wales will need to be licensed and inspected. Thousands of dogs and cats and horses come to Wales every year to be shown so such a licensing scheme is not only impractical and unnecessary it will actually have an impact upon Wales' economy. Dogs (registered with the Kennel Club) cats (registered with the governing Council of the Cat Fancy) or horses shown in hand and under saddle should be exempt from registration. We ask that the Welsh Government to 'add the keeping of dogs, cats and horses engaged in competitive events' to Regulation 3(4) which lists a number of exempted activities that are proposed should not be subject to the proposed licensing scheme.

### **Additional Information**

Thousands of people in Wales show their dogs but more importantly many more thousands of exhibitors regularly come to Wales from all over the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland to compete at shows held in the Principality. Figures are not available for cats or horses but there are two major championship shows which between them attract over 11,000 dogs and over 200 open shows each year attracting hundreds at everyone. The owners of these dogs based outside Wales not be licensed so will simply not be able to attend.

### **Assembly Constituency and Region**

- Gower
- South Wales West