

SHG Press Release

RSPCA's increase in abandoned animals the inevitable result of the Animal Welfare Act

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As the RSPCA flexes its muscles with the introduction of the Animal Welfare Act 2006, **The Self Help Group for Farmers, Pet Owners and Others experiencing difficulties with the RSPCA** (The SHG) asks what the AWA has actually achieved.

The RSPCA are claiming a massive increase in the numbers of animals handed in and abandoned.

As predicted in paragraph three of the **Memorandum submitted by the SHG** to the **Select Committee on Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**

“The result of this legislation will be to reduce the number of people prepared to keep animals of any kind because they have privacy concerns and because they are not prepared to put themselves at risk of attracting the attention of the RSPCA whose unlawful activities are well documented, and who are feared by many animal keepers”

According to Anne Kasica of the SHG “Even if we take out the huge numbers of people who have been terrified into giving up staffordshire bull terriers and staffie crosses who were loving family pets as a result of yet another RSPCA campaign on dangerous dogs, the RSPCA are still admitting that our predictions are correct.”

Notes to Editors: -

References

Paragraph 3

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<http://the-shg.org/SHGPressReleases.htm>

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The SHG was officially formed in June 1990 and has been helping people to defend themselves and their animals from the RSPCA ever since. The national help line number is **08700 72 66 89**

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Background information on the Self Help Group for Farmers Pet Owners and Other Experiencing Difficulties with the RSPCA can be found at <http://www.the-shg.org>

Details of further criticisms of the RSPCA can be found at the RSPCA-Animadversion website: <http://cheetah.webtribe.net/~animadversion>

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