

MOTION UNDER SECTION 10 OF PART 4 (RULES OF PROCEDURE) THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

Pets as Prizes

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (“the Council”)

- is concerned about the number of cases reported to the RSPCA each year, regarding pets given as prizes via fairgrounds, social media and other channels in Wales – and notes the issue predominantly concerns goldfish;
- is concerned for the welfare of those animals that are being given as prizes;
- recognises that many cases of pets being given as prizes may go unreported each year;
- acknowledges that the Animal Welfare Act 2006 provides that owners and keepers of animals have a responsibility to ensure that the welfare needs of their animals are met and that it is an offence to cause unnecessary suffering, which is the case for both the prize givers and receivers, and that it is an offence to give an animal as a prize to anyone under the age of 16, except within the family context; but this should go further by making it an offence to give an animal as a prize, regardless of age, except within the family context;
- supports a move to ban the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Council land or at any event that is commissioned by the Council on non-Council owned land.

Accordingly, the Council agrees to:

- ban outright the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council land and at events commissioned and undertaken by Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council on land which may not be owned by it; and
- write to the Welsh Government, urging an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land, except within the family context.

Proposed by: Councillor J.D.Morgan

Seconded by: Councillor H. Jones