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Dear Stakeholder,

## Call for Evidence on the Fur Sector in GB

### Seeking evidence on the fur sector in GB to inform potential future decisions in this area

The Government's Action Plan for Animal Welfare, published on 12 May 2021, describes how the UK's departure from the EU allows us to make further progress in how we interact and care for animals, building on our existing high standards.

Fur farming has been banned in England and Wales since 2000, and since 2002 in Scotland and Northern Ireland. Whilst there are existing restrictions on the import of seal, cat and dog fur, it is still possible to import other fur from abroad. The Government now intends to explore potential action in this area. We wish to further build up our evidence base to inform future decisions.

This Call for Evidence will be open for four weeks, commencing on 31 May 2021 and closing on 28 June 2021. The purpose is to invite evidence which will support the Government to form a view about next steps.

## How to Respond

Stakeholders are invited to submit their responses by **28 June 2021** using the online portal at

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/animal-welfare-in-trade/fur-market-in-great-britain>

## What happens next

Comments made in response to this call for evidence will be considered by the Defra Animal Welfare Team and will then be considered by Defra ministers.

Yours sincerely  
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