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Dear Consultee

Consultation on the licensing of specialist private primate keepers in England.

I am writing to invite views on the regulations for the licensing of private primate keepers and proposed standards for privately kept primates in the UK.

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation please contact AnimalWelfare.Consultations@defra.gov.uk.

Responses

To submit your consultation response, please complete the consultation questionnaire on Citizen Space. Citizen Space is an online consultation tool.

[Primate consultation questionnaire](#).

Responses or additional information or documents can be sent to AnimalWelfare.Consultations@defra.gov.uk

Please send responses by **23:59 on 18 July 2023**.

Purpose of consultation

We are consulting the public to gather views on the provisions as well as the standards for the private keeping of primates. All evidence gathered will be considered while finalising the policy outcome and the final drafting of the provisions and standards.

This consultation will be open for 4 weeks.

Stakeholders have previously been consulted on this policy through a public consultation launched in 2020. This consultation asked for views on the drafting of the provisions for the primate licensing scheme in the Animal Welfare (Kept Animals) Bill (KAB). Selected stakeholders have also been engaged with the drafting of the standards and all views will influence the finalisation of the standards.

The consultation document clearly outlines what is being proposed in the regulations and how this differs from the previously agreed provisions in the KAB. By contributing to this consultation, respondents have the opportunity to influence the final drafting of the regulations and standards. A summary of responses and official government response will be published following the closure of this consultation and analysis of the results.

Confidentiality and data protection

Please find the Consultations Privacy Notice uploaded alongside this consultation.

This consultation document and consultation process have been planned to adhere to the Consultation Principles issued by the Cabinet Office.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA).

We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, as a public authority, the Department is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and may therefore be obliged to disclose all or some of the information you provide.

In view of this it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential.

If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

Defra is conducting this consultation in line with the [Cabinet Office consultation principles](#).

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please email:

consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours Faithfully

Kept Wild Animals Team

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