

Annex B: Animal Cruelty Guidelines Consultation – Summary of respondents

103 responses in total

Sentencers

Magistrates: 25 (including Suffolk Magistrates' Bench, West London Magistrates' Bench, Magistrates' Association and the Chief Magistrate)

Judges: 3 (including Legal Committee of Council of District Judges (Magistrates' Courts), Criminal Sub-Committee of the Council of Circuit Judges)

Animal charities

11 charities:

- IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare)
- Donkey Sanctuary
- The Animal Team
- Rainbow Valley Sanctuary
- Naturewatch Foundation
- RSPCA
- Battersea Dogs' and Cats' Home
- Blue Cross
- Dogs' Trust
- League Against Cruel Sports
- World Horse Welfare

Animal welfare activists or lobbying groups

6 (including FOAL [Focus on Animal Law] Group, The Empathy Project, UK Centre for Animal Law, TAAP [The Animal Advocacy Project], Animal Concern Ltd)

Local authority/local government officials

1

Victims' charities

1 (Refuge)

Vets and other animal professionals

4 (including the Links Group and the National Farmers Union)

Members of the public

38

Legal/CJS professionals

- Justices' Clerks' Society
- Lawyers – 6 (including London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association and Criminal Law Solicitors' Association)
- Other – 2 (from someone working in the Met Police Status Dog and Canine Welfare Unit and another from someone in the CPS)

Miscellaneous companies

- Hidden-in-Sight and European Link Coalition (both responding on the link between animal and child abuse)

Other Government Departments, etc.

- Cross-Government response
- CPS
- Pending – awaiting response from the Justice Select Committee

Academics

- Mike Radford, University of Aberdeen