

NATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM

Convened by the Veterinary Ireland Animal Welfare Committee

Dear Member

We have pleasure in inviting you to attend our National Animal Welfare Forum 2013. The focus of the forum this year will be on the re-homing of pets in Ireland.

The forum will attract 2.5 CVE Credits for Vets. The format will be for each speaker to give a 15 minute summary of their particular area of focus, followed by a short discussion with questions from the floor.

Date Sunday 10th November 2013
Place The Verschoyle Suite, 1st Floor, Conference Centre, Citywest Hotel, Dublin
Time 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm
Chairperson Pat Kirwan MVB CertPM, former President of Veterinary Ireland

AGENDA

- 1.00 Registration
- 1.30 **Introduction** – Danny Holmes, MVB, Chairperson, Veterinary Ireland Companion Animal Society (VICAS)
- 1.45 Update on Dog Pound Statistics – the working together of pounds and rescue groups – Garrett Shine MVB, Local Authority Veterinary Service
- 2.00 Setting up a rehoming team – Marina Fiddler, co-founder of MADRA
- 2.15 An update on regulations controlling the transportation of dogs, including pet passports – Stephanie Ronan MVB, Department of Agriculture.
- 2.30 The practicalities of dealing with the new rules on moving rescue dogs to the UK – Mark Beazley, Dogs Trust
- 2.45 Question and Answer Session
- 3.00 – 3.30 – Break – Tea/Coffee*
- 3.30 Microchipping update – Finbarr Heslin of FIDO
- 3.45 Challenges/Opportunities facing animal welfare today especially focusing on rehoming - Barbara Bent of ISPCA
- 4.00 Market Research looking at pet ownership and buyer behaviour – Georgina Neal and Orla Aungier, Done Deal Foundation
- 4.15 The new Dog Breeding Act – an update on what’s happening on the ground, Tim O’Sullivan, Department of Environment, Community and Local Government.
- 4.30 Buyers’ perception of pedigree dogs and the current trend in ‘designer cross breeds’ – Sean Delmar, Irish Kennel Club
- 4.45 Question and Answer Session and Conclusions

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The meeting will be open to the public, and it is hoped that it will be attended by a broad range of individual and groups working with Animal Welfare.

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Please register to ensure your place.

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