

Animal Welfare & Control (including the Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-) Review

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From what I've read and understand there hasn't been much change with regards to dog walkers (that I can see) as at present there is no licensing system and no laws, just a Code of Practice for professional dog walkers. My personal view is, some parts of the Code of practice should become part of the law. There has been a dramatic increase in dog walkers/daycare, since I started 10 years ago, and I am seeing issues that are of concern for both dogs and the public.

It would have been great to have been able to review and comment on the new Dogs Law. Currently I am training to be a Canine Behaviourist and extremely interested in responsible and educated dog ownership but also animal welfare and freedoms. I am also concerned with the increase in dog ownership and the lack of education of dog behaviour etc. and the effects that is causing for the general population and on dog welfare.

I've had a brief look at the present Animal Welfare Law and one thing that seems to have been completely removed in the Offences against animals, is a description of cruelty. This is actually quite disturbing that this is not detailed in the new proposed law, 'suffering' is too general and goes not go far enough. There really should be a more detailed description of cruelty and abuse, especially for dogs.

With regards to the further questions:

Do you feel the draft law is clear and understandable regarding applying to my sector - as above I can't see really much difference to the previous or I'm missing it.

Draft law and reduce animal suffering - as mentioned above not detailed enough about the word 'suffering'.

Other than the above, I can't see what else I can comment on. A lot of the law, is for the layman like me sometimes, hard to fully understand.