

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

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Any commercial enterprise/charity/NPO/individual that owns and uses equines in any manner (ridden/not ridden) in exchange for revenue, should be licensed and checked via a welfare officer or similar, with regular veterinary checks undertaken independently as part of licensing requirements. This should include visiting practitioners to the Island to be assessed for relevant and up-to-date qualifications in their respective field of equine expertise, and also possible DBS checks to ensure the safeguarding of animals and people. For example, riding schools/livery yards are similarly licenced in the UK but to also ensure the welfare protection of any other use of equines for money, including charitable organisations, and so that anyone visiting the Island to 'treat' equines is checked for the correct qualifications and to ensure no previous convictions for animal abuse etc.