

# ANIMAL WELFARE IN WALES

## THE FACTS AND FIGURES

In **2010** the RSPCA received 60,000 calls from Wales; 8,009 were subsequently investigated as complaints

147 convictions under the Animal Welfare Act as a result of prosecutions taken by the RSPCA

1 in every 50 people in Wales will have called the RSPCA last year

**43%** of households own a pet

In 2010, 646 dogs and 1,723 cats came into the RSPCA's care

There are at least 1,290,000 owned pet animals in Wales

### STRAY DOGS

**8,039** stray dogs were collected by Welsh local authorities in 2009/10

One in three were returned to their owners

Seven per cent of stray dogs were euthanised

106 were euthanised on non-medical grounds

### FOOD

**139** Freedom Food members in Wales

The welfare of 1.8 million Welsh farm animals is governed by strict RSPCA standards

### EGGS AND HENS

Three-quarters of all hens in Wales are currently reared in higher welfare systems

The majority of laying hens in Wales are reared cage-free

**1,571,643**

hens are kept in free-range, organic or barn systems

**553,630**

are reared in either conventional or enriched battery cages

120 Cardiff schools source Freedom eggs and chickens

### CIRCUSES

**0** circuses based in Wales that use wild animals

**2006**

six local authorities ban travelling circuses with wild animals from public land

**2009**

twelve local authorities ban travelling circuses with wild animals from public land

### EDUCATION

Children in Wales will receive between three and six animal welfare lessons before they leave school

### PUPPY BREEDING

**2,000**

establishments in Wales breeding dogs

**1,587**

identified in 2010/11 as being exempt from requiring a licence

One fifth of people who bought a puppy in the last two years no longer have their dog

### STATUS AND DANGEROUS DOGS

South Wales Police has seen a large increase in the number of incidents under Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act in the past five years

**2** reported incidents in 2007

**103** reported incidents in 2010

### ANIMAL SANCTUARIES

**85**

sanctuaries in Wales

There is no way of knowing the standards of care in which animal sanctuaries operate

