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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 12 February, regarding Petition P-05-933 Ban Goldfish from being given away at funfairs #OperationGoldfish, which was discussed at your meeting of 4 February.

I note the Committee's request for the Wales Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group to be asked for advice on this matter and I can confirm a discussion point on the giving of animals as prizes has been added to the agenda for the next meeting on 31 March. My officials will ensure a copy of the minutes are provided to the Committee Clerk for information.

With regard to the Showmen's Guild, I have received a letter in which they confirm, for over 50 years, it has had a resolution to its constitution ensuring all members take account of the welfare of goldfish. Alternative prizes are also available so a goldfish has to be chosen by a winner. If a goldfish is chosen, RSPCA care leaflets are given to every winner. Therefore, the Guild argues this is no different to a person buying a goldfish from a pet shop.

I trust this letter satisfactorily answers the questions raised by the Committee but please do contact me if further information is required.

Regards
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