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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 24 October regarding the compulsory scanning of deceased domestic pets for microchips by councils.

As previously advised, it is for Local Authorities themselves to determine their own financial affairs and conditions of contract and to justify those decisions within their own communities. The cost of including the scanning of all animals for microchips via a waste contract would have to be carefully quantified.

Whilst I have every sympathy with pet owners who lose their beloved animal and wish to be informed if it is found, in whatever circumstances, the handling, storage and disposal of any animals carcass must comply with the provisions Regulation (EC) No. 1069/2009 and Regulation (EU) No. 142/2011 which is enforced, in Wales, via The Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (Wales) Regulations 2014. There would also have to be considerations given to bio-security issues and the health and safety of those employed in waste control.

Given the above I do not intend issuing additional guidance to Local Authorities on this issue.

Regards
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