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Rt Hon Thérèse Coffey MP
Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs

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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing in relation to e-petition [619442](#), "Find the time to take the Kept Animals Bill through Parliament and make it law", which recently passed the 100,000 signature threshold to be considered for debate.

Your department's response to this petition, provided in August, said the Kept Animals Bill would continue its passage through the Commons when parliamentary time allows.

This Bill was reintroduced in May, but since then the Government has not allocated time for further progress of this Bill. We are therefore asking you to confirm when the Government plans to allocate further time for progress of this Bill, to inform our decision about scheduling a debate on this petition.

Given the significant support for this petition, if you are unable to confirm a timetable for progressing this Bill, I would expect the Committee to agree to schedule a debate on this petition, to give MPs an opportunity to discuss progress of this Bill.

I would be grateful to receive a response by Thursday 18 November.

Yours sincerely

Catherine McKinnell MP
Chair of the Petitions Committee