

The Rt Hon Mr Alistair Carmichael (Chair)
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
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Dear Mr Carmichael,

I am writing to advise that the Animal Sentience Committee has written two new reports on the restrictions of lead in ammunition and the Glue Traps (Offences) Act 2022.

The reports have now been published on gov.uk:

- (1) [Animal Sentience Committee: restriction of lead in ammunition report - GOV.UK](#)
- (2) [Animal Sentience Committee: Glue Traps \(Offences\) Act 2022 - GOV.UK](#)

The Animal Sentience Committee was established by the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Act 2022 to furnish accountability to Parliament for consideration of the welfare of sentient animals in Ministerial decisions. The Committee may produce reports containing its views on whether, or to what extent, the Government is having, or has had, all due regard to the ways in which the policy might have an adverse effect on the welfare of animals as sentient beings. These reports require Government to respond. They are expected to do so by 8 and 9 July 2026 for (1) and (2) respectively.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael Seals'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael Seals

Animal Sentience Committee Chair

If you have any questions, please contact the Animal Sentience Committee secretariat at: SentienceSecretariat@defra.gov.uk

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