

Friday, 19 May 2017

Dear Cambridge Resident,

The Green Party has always held the strongest animal protection policies of any parliamentary political party in Britain. Elected Greens have a great record on these issues: as well as the work of Caroline Lucas in Parliament, Green MEPs, Assembly Members and councillors have achieved success in many areas such as helping save the Wildlife Crime Unit, reducing animal-testing requirements, strengthening slaughter rules and banning snares locally.

I share these values and you can rest assured that I will work towards making animal protection an important item on the parliamentary agenda.

Green party policy includes commitments to:

- *prohibit the import of ivory, reptile skins and whale oil.* The green party would also prohibit import and export and sale of all fur, whether wild caught or factory farmed, and would ensure a ban on fur farming in the UK stays in place.
- *guarantee funding for the Wildlife Crime Unit* and take coordinated action to tackle wildlife crime both in the UK and across the globe, recognising its link to global crime networks.
- *strengthen and extend the Hunting Act.* We will insert a 'reckless' provision to ensure the killing of wild mammals during a trail hunt cannot be passed off as an 'unfortunate accident' and will increase the punishments available to the courts so that the Hunting Act is brought into line with other animal-protection legislation.
- *continue our strong opposition to the badger cull.* The Green Party has been opposed to the badger cull from its inception and will immediately end the badger cull and introduce the cattle-control measures that are showing very promising results in Wales.
- *push for an end to whaling* and keeping cetaceans in captivity
- *tighten the law regulating the breeding and sale of cats and dogs,* with mandatory licensing of breeders of more than one litter and a ban on the sale of puppies younger than eight weeks and without the presence of their mother.

The Green Party is also committed to retaining E.U. protections and bringing them into U.K. law, including animal welfare legislation.

While our 2017 manifesto is not yet fully published, little has changed since our 2015 manifesto of which there is a full animal welfare manifesto that can be read online:

https://gap.greenparty.org.uk/resources/animal_manifesto.pdf

This includes the following headline commitments in addition to the above:

- End Factory Farming - taking animals out of cages and putting them back in the fields
- Protect habitats and wildlife both at home and abroad
- End the suffering of animals in experiments
- End the suffering of animals used for our entertainment
- Giving animals a voice in policy-making

I hope you agree that this is a comprehensive policy on animal welfare, you will not find another party with such detailed commitments and if elected I would fight to keep these issues at the top of the agenda.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stuart Tuckwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stuart Tuckwood
Parliamentary candidate for Cambridge