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To all Animal Concern, Animal Concern Advice Line and Save Our Seals Fund supporters.  
Responses sought from those of you in Scotland, the U.K. and Glasgow.

This is a short list of things I hope you will be able to do. My apologies if any or all of this is not relevant to yourself. Remember if you don't want to receive these e-mails just hit reply and tell me you want taken off the list. I try not to flood you with emails but I don't want to annoy you by sending material you no longer want to receive.

If you know of others in the relevant areas who might take the actions outlined below I'd be grateful if you would forward this e-mail to them.

**1:** For supporters *in Scotland* and any others with relevant info on the use of dog training collars:

A very important Scottish Government Consultation on the use of electronic collars to train dogs.

What we want is a total ban on the use of electric shock collars and regulation on the use of sonic and spray emitting collars. Giving dogs an electric shock inflicts pain and can cause aggression while other forms of adverse stimuli collars (nasty sprays and ultrasonic emitters) must meet safety standards which will not inflict long-term injury on the dogs. This closes on January 29th (Friday of this week) so please get onto it ASAP. It's a straightforward on-line process taking about 12 minutes. [Electronic training aids consultation](#)

**2:** For supporters living *in the Glasgow City Council* area (there are not many of you so the more of you who respond the better).

It was recently reported in the press that Glasgow City Council is considering setting up a halal meat suppliers' data base to crack down on fake and illegal suppliers.

You should be able to contact your Councillor via the Access the Councillor Information System link on the new super-duper Glasgow Council website. Don't bother trying – I've just let them know that it doesn't work! I've also tried to get you the email address for Glasgow City Council Trading Standards but that link on their website is also inoperative. I've tried to report that fault but their fault report system is now faulty.

When the whole system is boogered it is best to communicate with the person responsible. In Glasgow the buck stops with the Leader of the Council, Councillor Frank McAveety. His e-mail is: [frank.mcaveety@glasgow.gov.uk](mailto:frank.mcaveety@glasgow.gov.uk)

You can get around the busted Glasgow Council website by copying your e-mail to your own Councillor via this very helpful external link: <https://www.writetothem.com/>

Here's my suggested draft for an e-mail to Mr. McAveety:

Councillor Frank McAveety,  
Leader of Glasgow City Council,  
City Chambers,  
George Square,  
Glasgow.

Dear Mr. McAveety,

As a resident of Glasgow I was interested to learn of a recent press report claiming that Glasgow City Council is considering setting up a halal meat suppliers' data base to crack down on fake and illegal suppliers.

If this is the case I request that this initiative been extended to suppliers of all meat from animals slaughtered outside of the conventional slaughter system. In particular I am concerned about meat from animals which have not been stunned to full insentience prior to slaughter. I understand that full stunning is permitted under all religious systems so long as appropriate prayers are recited during the process.

I ask that Glasgow City Council identify any and all suppliers of meat, poultry and farmed fish which have not been rendered fully unconscious and insentient prior to killing.

I further request that any meat, poultry and farmed fish from animals which have not been rendered fully unconscious and insentient prior to killing be clearly identified as such at point of sale. This should include point of sale signage and labelling of fresh, chilled and frozen meat, poultry and fish at all retail outlets in Glasgow and on the menus of restaurants selling meals containing meat, poultry and farmed fish from animals which have not been rendered fully unconscious and insentient prior to killing.

I ask that you copy this e-mail to all relevant Glasgow City Council Committees and Departments including Environmental Health and Trading Standards.

Yours sincerely,

I'd be grateful for copies of any replies from Glasgow City Council!

**3: For supporters throughout the U.K. :**

A petition urging the Westminster Government to make an official protest to the Japanese Government over the slaughter of dolphins at Taiji Cove in Japan.

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110850>

Cheers 4 now,

John at ACAL