

Approaches to Tackling Genetic Welfare Problems in Companion Animals

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This report identified the lack of a structured and co-ordinated approach for addressing genetic welfare problems. It concluded that an independent advisory body be set up to consider the best way forward to tackle problems on a breed by breed basis (this may be an appropriate role for CAWC).

The authority of such a body would rest on the composition of its members and would address, with breeders and others, the ethical and practical genetic aspects. It would address the issue of whether continued breeding in a population would be justified, and if so what the aims (and perhaps methods) of the future breeding strategies should be.