

THE ASSOCIATE PARLIAMENTARY GROUP FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

An all party group for members of both houses at Westminster formed to promote and further the cause of animal welfare by all means available to the Parliaments at Westminster and in Europe

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MEMBERSHIP OF PARLIAMENTARY ENQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE ANNOUNCED

Eric Martlew MP today announced the membership of the parliamentary enquiry which will investigate the issues surrounding the welfare of greyhounds in British racing. Mr Martlew, MP for Carlisle and Chair of the Associate Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare (APGAW), gathered the members of the enquiry together at Westminster to meet some ex-racing greyhounds currently at Battersea Dogs & Cats Home.

Pictured (from left to right) are: Lord Bradley of Withington, Ali Evans (Battersea Dogs & Cats Home), Nick Palmer MP, Eric Martlew MP, Russell Brown MP, Ellie Richmond (Battersea Dogs & Cats Home), Harry Cohen MP, Andrew Rosindell MP and greyhounds Benny and Sonny (to view photograph go back to News page and click on separate link).

Mr. Martlew said:

“We decided the time was ripe for a parliamentary enquiry following high profile allegations in the *Sunday Times* regarding healthy greyhounds being shot at the end of their racing career. I’m delighted that there are so many senior members of both houses sitting on the enquiry. We will investigate the many issues that affect the welfare of racing greyhounds and, with the co-operation of both the racing industry and welfare groups, we hope to make useful recommendations that will improve the welfare of greyhounds at all stages of their lives”

The enquiry is chaired by Eric Martlew MP and the members of the enquiry are:

- 1 Alan Meale MP
- 2 Andrew Rosindell MP
- 3 Baroness Golding
- 4 Harry Cohen MP
- 5 Lord Beaumont of Whitley
- 6 Lord Bradley
- 7 Lord Hoyle
- 8 Nick Palmer MP
- 9 Russell Brown MP
- 10 Theresa Villiers MP

Further Information.

Battersea Dogs & Cats Home provides temporary shelter, veterinary, behavioural and animal care to lost and abandoned dogs and cats, while finding them new homes, or reuniting lost animals with their owners. The mission of Battersea Dogs & Cats Home is to rescue, reunite, rehabilitate and rehome the lost and abandoned dogs and cats which come into its care. If you are interested in offering a dog or cat a good home please call Battersea Dogs & Cats Home on 020 7627 9234.