



Council – 24 January 2019

**Notice of Motion from Councillors P M Black, J W Jones, M H Jones, C A Holley,
E W Fitzgerald & D G Sullivan**

Notice of Motion on Puppy Farming

Council notes that Swansea is known to be a dog loving city and many of our residents pay large sums of money for the puppy of their choice, sometimes thousands of pounds.

This love of dogs is being abused by illegal puppy farm owners who keep breeding dogs in very poor conditions. They also produce puppies who are in poor health, and are taken from their mothers too early, often causing the dog to have problems socialising.

These puppies cost their new owners large sums in vets bills but in many cases, this still ends in the puppy dying or being unmanageable. Many of these puppies are taken in by local charitable organisations to try and rehome them.

Lucy was one of these breeding dogs who was rescued from a puppy farm and Lucy's Law is a campaign to ban the third-party sales of puppies to help stop this.

Council further notes that areas in West Wales have an increasing number of illegal puppy farms using third parties to sell the puppies and that these dogs are sold in Swansea or to residents of Swansea.

The UK Government have agreed to ban third party sales of puppies in England and a number of Assembly Members are asking the Welsh Government to follow suit.

Council believes that without Lucy's Law, illegal puppy farms breeding dogs and their puppies will continue to languish behind closed doors in Wales, causing animals to suffer at the hands of people who put profit before animal welfare.

This Council therefore resolves that the Leader of Swansea Council should write to the First Minister, the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs and to all AMs representing the Swansea area, expressing the view of members of this council that there should be urgent action to ban the third-party sales of puppies.