



Pets are good for society:

- In the UK pets are kept by at least 13 million households in which live nearly 30 million people
- Pets help people to have healthier lifestyles by, for example, encouraging exercise, reducing loneliness and anxiety, lowering NHS and other agency costs
- Pets help children learn both social and academic skills
- Families spent £6.3 billion on pets and their care in 2012
- The pet industry employs tens of thousands of people in thousands of businesses many of which are SME's
- Both UK plc and the Exchequer enjoy the economic benefits of this trade

Please help us support the pet industry by including in your 2015 party manifestos statements that ensure:

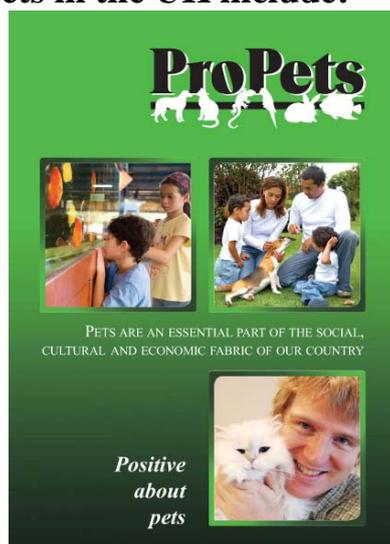
- Recognition of the value of pets to society
- Secondary legislation under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 to ensure good consistent countrywide inspection regimes, based on good husbandry practise, for pet shops and other relevant activities eg breeders and re-homing centres, where pet welfare might otherwise be compromised
- Children at school benefit and learn from pets by integrating them into the National Curriculum and encouraging pupils to care for and interact with them and learn their welfare needs
- All animal welfare and cruelty prosecutions are approved by the Crown Prosecution Service
- Greater recognition for trade association' role in developing government policy and achieving consistency across a broad range of policy areas.

ProPets was formed by key pet membership organisations to provide a strong united voice to promote responsible pet ownership. Members' activities include:

- Promoting responsible pet ownership and the health and welfare of pets
- Promoting the responsible sale of pets
- Providing guidelines to the public on how to identify a good pet shop
- Highlighting the pet industry as a source of free expert practical advice on the care and welfare of pet animals-especially to local authority officers involved in pet shop licensing
- Promoting positive attitudes to pet keeping, pet keepers and the pet industry by providing high quality information to politicians and opinion formers on the key role these activities play in the social, cultural and economic fabric of this country
- Facilitating co-operation between all like minded groups within pet keeping

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Previous ProPets booklets identifying the socio-economic importance of pets in the UK include:



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Member organisation of ProPets are:
Horticultural Trades Association (HTA)

Ornamental Aquatic Trade Association (OATA)

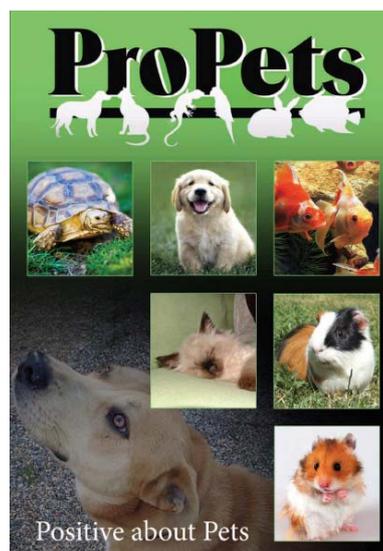
National Office of Animal Health (NOAH)

Pet Food Manufacturers Association (PFMA)

Pet Industry Federation (PIF)

Pet Product Retail Association (PPRA)

Reptile and Exotic Pet Trade Association (REPTA)



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www.the-hta.org.uk/

www.ornamentalfish.org

<http://www.noah.co.uk/>

www.pfma.org.uk/

www.petcare.org.uk/

www.bira.co.uk/birafamilies/pet-product-retail-association

www.repta.org