



**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

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| <p>To : ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE</p> <hr/> <p>From : DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES</p> <hr/> <p>Date : 16 February 1999 Ref : DA/PJ</p> | <p>Subject : Pet Animals Act, 1951</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PET SHOP TRAINING COURSE</p> |
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PROPOSED DECISION

To note the report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The training course was self-financing from the fees charged to those attending.

REPORT

Officers of Department's Special Projects Unit initiated a training course for pet shop owners in response to correspondence received alleging that certain pet animals, particularly exotic species, do not receive appropriate care due to lack of knowledge on the part of some pet shop suppliers.

The course took place at Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld on Sunday 17th January 1999

Working in conjunction with the Scottish Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, invitations were sent to pet shop owners and enforcement officers of other local authorities. The course was attended by a total of 64 delegates including invited guests from the S.S.P.C.A.

The lectures were delivered by the Depute Head of Exotic Animal Services from The Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

BBC Radio covered the event for a future program.

The course has been extremely well received, evaluation reports showing a 100% response to the question 'Have you benefited from this course' and a 94.4% positive response to the question 'Are you interested in attending further courses'. This was supported by very complimentary correspondence both from the trade and from other authorities whose officers had attended the course. As a result of this feed-back it is proposed that further courses be organised by the Department covering subjects including aquatics, care of reptiles, birds, rodent husbandry and disease recognition in the early autumn.

RECOMMENDATION

To note the report and approve the running of further training courses.

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