

## YOUR TEAM IS GOING TO RESEARCH

# NHS for animals

and speak **for and against** it being introduced

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**This brief has been produced as part of the *RSPCA's Animal Welfare: The Great Debate* and is a starting point for the research you will need to do into the subject in order to ensure a successful debate. The points for or against a subject may not be RSPCA policy and represent some of the wider thinking around the subject.**

- The National Health Service (NHS) is the UK's national healthcare system which is paid for by people through their taxes. Some people think that an NHS for Animals (NHSA) should be set up to give treatment for free at the point that the animal needs it.
- Currently pet owners either have to pay the cost of treatment or pay for pet insurance to cover the costs.
- Some people think vet costs are unaffordable, especially if they have to pay upfront or the vet practice doesn't let the owner pay over a long period of time.

### FOR

Here are some points **in favour of** creating a NHSA – what other points can you find?

- The cost and lack of out-of-hours vet surgeries means that animals suffer outside of 9am–5pm, an NHSA could be open 24/7.
- An NHSA could help owners meet the needs of their animal under the Animal Welfare Act.
- As a nation of animal lovers, we can all help to look after the UK's animals.

### AGAINST

Here are some reasons why an NHSA **shouldn't** be created – can you find any more?

- If people are worried about money they should get pet insurance to help cover veterinary costs.
- There are many vet practices that have out-of-hours cover for emergency treatment.
- People should think about vet costs before getting a pet – if an owner can't meet the animal's needs, they shouldn't have one.

### Information you may want to find out

- How many vet practices are there and how many people have pet insurance?
- How much does vet treatment cost – how much money would an NHSA need?
- How many people have pets and does that justify setting up an NHSA? Does another organisation currently help animals whose owners can't afford vet treatment?

### Potential sources of information

- RSPCA website: [www.rspca.cymru](http://www.rspca.cymru)
- Political Animal website: [www.politicalanimal.wales](http://www.politicalanimal.wales)
- RSPCA facts and figures: <http://media.rspca.org.uk/media/facts>
- PDSA: [www.pdsa.org.uk](http://www.pdsa.org.uk)



MAE EICH TÎM YN MYND I YMCHWILIO I

# Wasanaeth iechyd i anifeiliaid

a siarad **o blaid ac yn erbyn** ei gyflwyno

Mae'r briff hwn wedi'i lunio fel rhan o **Ddadl Fawr yr RSPCA: Lles Anifeiliaid** ac mae'n fan cychwyn i'r ymchwil y bydd angen i chi ei wneud i'r pwnc er mwyn cael dadl lwyddiannus. Mae'n bosibl na fydd rhai pwyntiau o blaid neu yn erbyn pwnc yn bolisi gan yr RSPCA, a'r pwyntiau yn cynrychioli peth o'r meddylfryd ehangach am y pwnc.

- Mae pobl yn talu trwy eu trethi am y Gwasanaeth Iechyd Gwladol (GIG) (yr NHS yn Saesneg). Mae rhai pobl yn credu y dylid sefydlu GIG ar gyfer Anifeiliaid (GIGA) er mwyn rhoi triniaeth am ddim iddynt pan fo angen hynny ar yr anifail.
- Ar hyn o bryd, rhaid i berchnogion anifeiliaid anwes dalu am gost triniaeth neu dalu am yswiriant anifeiliaid anwes i dalu am y costau.
- Cred rhai pobl fod costau milfeddyg yn ddrud, yn enwedig os bydd yn rhaid iddynt dalu ymlaen llaw neu os nad yw'r filfeddygfa yn gadael i'r perchennog dalu dros gyfnod hir.

## O BLAID

Dyma rai pwyntiau **o blaid** creu GIGA – pa bwyntiau eraill allwch chi eu canfod?

- Mae cost a phrinder milfeddygon y tu allan i oriau swyddfa arferol yn golygu bod anifeiliaid yn dioddef yn ystod oriau tu allan i 9am–5pm, gallai GIGA fod ar agor 24/7.
- Gallai GIGA helpu berchnogion i fodloni anghenion eu hanifail o dan y Ddeddf Lles Anifeiliaid.
- Fel gwlad sy'n hoff o anifeiliaid, gallwn i gyd helpu i ofalu am anifeiliaid y Deyrnas Unedig.

## YN ERBYN

Dyma rai rhesymau pam **na ddylid** creu GIGA – ydych chi'n gallu canfod rhagor?

- Os yw pobl yn poeni am arian, dylent gael yswiriant anifeiliaid anwes i helpu i dalu am y gost.
- Mae llawer o filfeddygfydd yn cynnig triniaeth frys y tu allan i oriau swyddfa.
- Dylai pobl feddwl am costau milfeddygol cyn cael anifail anwes – os na allant fodloni anghenion anifeiliaid, ni ddylent gael un.

## Gwybodaeth y byddech o bosibl am chwilio amdani

- Faint o filfeddygfydd sydd yna a faint o bobl sydd ag yswiriant i'w hanifeiliaid anwes?
- Faint y mae triniaeth filfeddygol yn ei gostio – faint o arian fyddai ei angen ar GIGA?
- Faint o bobl sydd ag anifeiliaid anwes ac a yw hynny'n cyflawnhau sefydlu GIGA? A oes sefydliad arall sy'n helpu anifeiliaid ar hyn o bryd os nad yw eu berchnogion yn gallu fforddio triniaeth?

## Ffynonellau posibl i gael gwybodaeth

- Gwefan yr RSPCA: [www.rspca.cymru](http://www.rspca.cymru)
- Gwefan Political Animal: [www.politicalanimal.wales](http://www.politicalanimal.wales)
- Ffeithiau a ffigyrau'r RSPCA: <http://media.rspca.org.uk/media/facts>
- PDSA: [www.pdsa.org.uk](http://www.pdsa.org.uk)

