

## YOUR TEAM IS GOING TO RESEARCH

# Primates as pets

and speak **for and against** banning the keeping of them as pets

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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.**

- Primates is the overarching term for a range of species including monkeys, apes and lemurs.
- In the UK if you want to keep certain types of primates you have to have a licence under the Dangerous Wild Animals (DWA) Act 1976. However, there are primates that can be kept and bred without a licence.
- Apart from the Animal Welfare Act 2006, there is a lack of detailed legislation in Wales that covers primates. In England, the UK Government have a Code of Practice for Primates.

### FOR

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

- Primates are wild animals and have complex needs that cannot be met in a home.
- Primates' welfare cannot be met as they suffer from social isolation and poor diet.
- As primates are wild animals, local vets may not be able to treat them for their specialist needs.

### AGAINST

Here are some reasons why **a ban is not needed** – can you find any more?

- The Animal Welfare Act prevents owners causing suffering, so a ban is unnecessary.
- Primates can be kept extremely well by trained owners with the correct facilities.
- As is the case with all animals kept as pets, it is the duty of the owner to find out what their animal needs.

### Information you may want to find out

- How many primates are there being kept as pets? Where do people buy primates from?
- Where can primates owners go to get advice and is there a vets near you that could treat a primate?
- What are the needs of a wild animal, how do they differ to dogs and cats, and how could primates suffer if their needs are not met?

### 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>
- Wild Futures: [www.wildfutures.org](http://www.wildfutures.org)



## MAE EICH TÎM YN MYND I YMCHWILIO

# Primatiaid fel anifeiliaid anwes

a siarad **o blaid ac yn erbyn** gwahardd eu cadw fel anifeiliaid anwes

**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.**

- Primatiaid yw'r term cyffredinol ar gyfer ystod o rywogaethau gan gynnwys mwncïod, epaod a lemyriaid.
- Yn y Deyrnas Unedig, os ydych am gadw rhai mathau o brimatiaid rhaid i chi gael trwydded o dan Ddeddf Anifeiliaid Gwyllt Peryglus 1976. Fodd bynnag, mae yna rai primatiaid y gallwch eu cadw a'u bridio heb drwydded.
- Heblaw am Ddeddf Lles Anifeiliaid 2006, mae yna ddiffyg deddfwriaeth fanwl yng Nghymru sy'n ymdrin â phrimatiaid. Yn Lloegr, mae gan Lywodraeth y Deyrnas Unedig God Ymarfer ar gyfer Primatiaid.

### O BLAID

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

- Mae primatiaid yn anifeiliaid gwyllt ac mae ganddynt anghenion cymhleth ac ni ellir bodloni'r rhain mewn cartref.
- Nid oes modd bodloni lles primatiaid gan eu bod yn dioddef o unigedd cymdeithasol a deiet gwael.
- Gan eu bod yn anifeiliaid gwyllt, efallai na fydd milfeddygon lleol yn gallu trin primatiaid ar gyfer eu hanghenion arbenigol.

### YN ERBYN

Dyma rai rhesymau pam **nad oes angen gwaharddiad** – ydych chi'n gallu canfod rhagor?

- Mae'r Ddeddf Lles Anifeiliaid yn atal perchnogion rhag achosi dioddefaint, felly nid oes angen gwaharddiad.
- Mae modd cadw primatiaid yn eithriadol o dda, gan berchnogion wedi'u hyfforddi ac sydd â'r cyfleusterau cywir.
- Fel pob anifail sy'n cael eu cadw yn anifail anwes, dyletswydd y perchennog yw canfod beth sydd ei angen ar yr anifail.

### Gwybodaeth y byddech o bosibl am chwilio amdani

- Faint o brimatiaid sy'n cael eu cadw fel anifeiliaid anwes? O ble mae pobl yn prynu primatiaid?
- Ble y gall perchnogion primatiaid fynd i gael cyngor ac a oes milfeddygon yn agos atoch chi a allai drin primat?
- Beth yw anghenion anifail gwyllt, sut maen nhw'n wahanol i gŵn a chathod, a sut y gallai primatiaid ddioddef os nad yw eu hanghenion yn cael eu bodloni?

### 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>
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