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John Healey MP
Secretary of State for Defence

Friday 20th September 2024

Dear John,

Re: Trail Hunting on Ministry of Defence Land

I write in relation to trail hunting taking place on Ministry of Defence land across the United Kingdom. I was delighted that the Labour Party's manifesto for the 2024 General Election contained within it a commitment to end trail hunting in the United Kingdom.

This is something I have long campaigned for, and I warmly welcome the government's commitments in this policy area.

It is my understanding that licences granting permission for trail hunting to take place on Ministry of Defence land expired on the 1st of September. As such, I am keen to have confirmation from the Ministry that no renewals of these licences have been granted.

As the Chair of the Senedd's Cross-Party Group on Animal Welfare, I am hopeful that this manifesto commitment has been realised, and as such is being enforced on Ministry of Defence land across Wales.

I would be most grateful if in response to this letter, you could confirm whether any trail hunting licences on Ministry of Defence land have been renewed since the new government took office, and if not, whether this now forms part of a consistent approach to the ending of trail hunting on such land across the UK?

Yours Sincerely,



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