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CRACKDOWN ON PET THIEVES AND VETS

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London Mayoral candidate, Ms Farah London, will be standing up for animal rights in London and clamping down heavily on offenders. Pet owners in the UK will be celebrating 'Love Your Pet Day' on the 20th February 2021. As a pet owner herself, she pledges to put an end to pet thieves, by regulating all pet sales, where only licence holders can sell pets and no more online shopping. She said "Pet owners are walking in fear, where gangs are stealing pets, especially from vulnerable and single women walking with their beloved pets. It has been reported that the profits are more lucrative than drugs, therefore attracting criminals wanting to take advantage. Unfortunately, the pets are either forced into breeding, living in horrendous conditions and abused, or sold on the internet to unsuspecting owners".

She will introduce a special pet-breeding licence, which will be granted by councils and monitored to ensure the living conditions and health of pets are to an acceptable standard. If pets are bought without the licence, the pet owners will face heavy penalties and the risk of the pets being seized, if they were stolen.

City Hall will have a dedicated Animal Welfare department, that will work with the police and animal welfare charities to administer the Animal Welfare Act 2006. Currently there is no one agency that is accountable and responsible for the enforcement of the act. She commented "I want to ensure the police, councils and charities can effectively work together and collectively deal with animal cruelty and enforce the law".

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During the pandemic, many residents became pet owners, as it helped with mental well-being and loneliness. However, many landlords and residential buildings have a blanket ban on pets. Ms London wants to end to this, by making properties pet friendly. Landlords will have the right to charge an extra capped deposit for the pets, however pet owners will not be forced to rehome their beloved pets.

She has also pledged to regulate vet fees, as veterinarian clinics across London are charging inflated prices for pet care. An MRI can cost up to £3,000 per scan for a cat or dog. In some instances, medication has a 400% mark up. Ms London views this as a violation to animal care, as many pet owners cannot afford the excessive fees, resulting in their pets not receiving treatment. According to the Association of British Insurers, the average pet insurance claim in 2018 was £793, for a single professional or a family this can be half a salary. As many insurers will only reimburse the costs and not pay directly. She will also ensure pet owners on low incomes can have access to free pet medical care, "no pet will be denied treatment under my watch, we need to protect those that cannot protect themselves".

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