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...to issue four of our retail newsletter! If you haven’t received our previous newsletters, check them out here.

Farmers and vets asked for views on Bovine TB eradication

By Adam Grogan, RSPCA head of wildlife

New RSPCA report focuses on measures to manage cattle to effectively tackle bovine tuberculosis.

The expert opinions of farmers and their vets are being sought on proposals to help eradicate bovine tuberculosis (bTB) in a new RSPCA consultation.

The RSPCA is offering farmers and vets - the people most affected by the terrible consequences of bTB infection in beef and dairy herds - the opportunity to have their say on the charity’s proposals for new management measures aimed at eradicating the disease.

The report, drawn up by the RSPCA’s wildlife and farm animals departments: “It’s not all black and white: Managing bTB: an evidence-based approach” suggests a number of new approaches to tackle the devastating disease, providing details of the thinking and science behind the animal charity’s consultation.

Adam Grogan, the RSPCA’s Head of Wildlife said: “Current bTB eradication measures aren’t working. The proposals in our consultation are supported by the evidence set out in our new report, providing fresh evidence-based solutions to the problem of bTB. We are consulting because we want to give farmers and vets the chance to have their say on our proposals which include approaches designed to effectively tackle this disease.

“We’d welcome farmers’ and vets’ feedback on our proposals”.

For more information, please click here.
Plastics policy
By Xenia Kingsley, marketing manager

Thank you to everyone who gave their feedback regarding our proposed plastics policy. We have now updated the policy accordingly and would invite you to take another look.

If you have any further feedback, please let us know by Friday 11th October.

Modernising governance and staying relevant
By Chris Sherwood, RSPCA chief executive

The RSPCA's CEO Chris Sherwood asks, how do we make sure we thrive and evolve in a changing world for as long as we are still needed?

“Governance is key to any charity’s continued ability to deliver their mission, and we must move with the times. Last month saw a vote on historic changes to our governance which will improve and sustain our charity well into the future. These changes – a smaller board, term limits for trustees, co-opted trustees with a range of skills and a wider pool of candidates – will bring us in line with other large, modern charities. Charities must keep the membership of their board fresh, bringing in new ideas and new skills and experience. But in truth, these changes are not easy for a charity with 200 years of history under its belt. Our members voted for something they knew was right, even if it meant many passionate and dedicated individuals will have to retire from our board.”

Find out more here.

Best wishes,