

FULL COUNCIL

MOTION ON NOTICE

Date of Council Meeting: - 10 October 2024

Title of Motion: - Pets as Prizes

Proposer: - Cllr T Coombs

Seconder: - Cllr R Bryan

Supported by: - Cllrs S Bartlett, B Bawden, P Brown, S Christopher, N Lacey-Clarke, S Florek, S Gibson, J Haynes, S Jespersen, D Morgan, E Parker, D Shortell, D Sowry-House, G Suttle, K Wheller

Motion Narrative and Action Required

The number of cases reported to the RSPCA each year, regarding pets given as prizes via fairgrounds, social media, and other channels is a matter of concern. It is unethical for animals to be given as prizes.

Local authorities implementing local bans can help eliminate the giving of pets as prizes on council owned land.

This council has considered a similar motion in the past but did not implement a formal ban and press government for appropriate legislation, therefore we ask you to support the following motion:

1. That Dorset Council recognises that many cases of pets being as prizes may go unreported each year and supports a move to ban the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form.
2. That this Council agrees to:
 - a. Ban outright the giving of live animals as prizes, in any form, on Dorset Council land.
 - b. Write to the UK Government, urging an outright ban on the giving of live animals as prizes on both public and private land.