Animal Welfare Strategy must have real teeth to deliver for animals, say Greens

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Adrian Ramsay MP for Waveney Valley has welcomed the Government's <u>Animal Welfare Strategy</u>, published today, but warned that it must have real teeth to deliver meaningful improvements for animals.

Adrian Ramsay said:

"There is much to welcome in the Animal Welfare Strategy, but it must have real teeth to deliver for animals. Ministers must set clear timescales to phase out crates and cages, properly support farmers through the transition and not allow imports that don't meet UK standards.

"I welcome the action on snares, hunting and puppy farming. Puppy legislation must end breeding for extreme, unhealthy traits in dogs. The strategy could go further for animals, particularly by ending greyhound racing, as the Welsh Government is doing.

"Ending the use of farrowing crates and cages — as we called for in the cross-party letter I organised — is particularly crucial for tackling cruelty, and the strategy must set out how and when this will happen."

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