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We would consequently like to know if this event has been applied for under the rules, I.E road closures, risk assessments, nominated health and safety person etc etc?

We have not received a road closure application for this event. We do implement a 15 minute rule as per the street works and road works guidelines which does allow a temporary closure of up to 15 minutes so it is possible that they may not require an order.

With regards to a nominated H&S person – this information is not held by us.

It has been brought to our attention that they would generally have a bucket to ask for money from public attendees, does this need a licence also and has any application been made in that respect?

A street collection permit is required to collect money or sell articles for the benefit of charitable or other purposes in any street or public place. There is no public register of permits issued but we will advise the event organiser of the need to obtain such a permit if they are doing the activity described in a street or a public place. Please note that no street collection application has been received for this event.

We also believe that hunt kennels come under HSE guidance as being the responsibility of their local council for public health concerns? We must in this case point out that there are biosecurity/hygiene risks with the hounds coming into contact with the general public, especially children and the elderly. Very recent scientific evidence has stated that dogs fed a raw meat diet carry a higher risk of infection such as Ecoli, Salmonella, Listeria and the such. Hunt hounds are fed fallen stock from farms in most cases which, owing to the nature of that requisition, may mean through illness to the unfortunate animal. Pets as therapy dogs

(PAT) do not allow their canine representatives to be fed a raw diet for these very reasons. We would then request, if any permission is to be given for this event to go ahead, the correct procedures are followed by your environmental officers to ensure there is no wider public health risk and the status of the kennel hygiene is assured.

The hunt no longer collects fallen stock. The dogs are now fed meat from abattoirs. This meat is fit for human consumption, but surplus to the supply chain. I understand most of this is offal (which is perfectly good for animals, but is not in great demand from humans!).

As this meat is inspected, by meat inspectors and vets both before and after slaughter, and is fit for human consumption, if there is suspicion of disease (in the animal being slaughtered) the carcass is condemned as unfit for human consumption, and would be disposed of by incineration.

Therefore, there is no risk of the FOI's suggested human health implications with these dogs.

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