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Mairi Gougeon MSP
Minister for Rural Affairs and Natural Environment
The Scottish Government,
Edinburgh

Dear Minister,

I'm assuming animal welfare is still part of your portfolio. If it is not please advise me as to what Cabinet Minister I should address my concerns.

Below is a link to a very worrying article in the Daily Record about a woman who breeds caracal cats and other cats for which you need a Dangerous Wild Animals Act licence to keep. She sells these cats as pets.

She is quoted as saying "We don't sell our bigger animals to people who don't have a DWA licence. We vet them to make sure they will care for the animal." I am concerned that the keeping and breeding of these animals by private owners is permitted in Scotland and that the person who profits from the lucrative sale of the animals is the one who vets the new owners. It concerns me greatly that the woman involved is now taking things up a notch and claims to be breeding pumas at an undisclosed venue in Perthshire.

Can you please tell me what the Scottish Government position is on this and if you have any plans to bring the domestic keeping, breeding and trade of Dangerous Wild Animals to an end?

Please also tell me how many people and organisations in Scotland hold Dangerous Wild Animal Act Licences, the species of animals involved, the locations in Scotland where the animals are kept and the number of people breeding and trading animals requiring a DWA Act license.

If necessary please regard this as a request under Freedom of Information legislation.

Yours sincerely,

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<https://www.dailyrecord.co.uk/news/scottish-news/wild-animal-breeder-scotland-reveals-21930308>