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Welsh group asks for pressure on puppy farmers

THE WELSH Dogs Advisory Group (WDAG) is urging dog lovers to join in its petition to rid Wales of the laws which allow puppy farming to go ahead, following a meeting last week with officials from the Chief Veterinary Office of the Welsh Government in Carmarthen.

The meeting was chaired by Hugh Jones, Head of the Animal Welfare and By-Products Department, also present was Alan Streeter, Animal Welfare and By-Products Dept, Office of the Chief Veterinary Officer.

Jones informed attendees that it had been proposed by WDAG that the emphasis on the number of puppies was counter-productive, and this should be targeted at numbers of litters in the case of the 'farmers'.

Colin told OUR DOGS: 'It would appear that no consideration had been given to those hobby breeders who owned breeds that often had litters in excess of 10 puppies. Hopefully this has been taken on board and there will be some movement away from the number of puppies. We also asked that the phrase 'breeding for profit' be inserted in the legislation, as that would remove most hobby breeders from the criteria for inclusion. This was part of a previous act. We also suggested that as part of an application for a breeding licence, it was a requirement that the licence applicant be compelled to undertake breed specific health



● Best in Show at Darlington was the Irish Water Spaniel Sh Champion and Am Ch Whistlestop's Elements Of Magic pictured here with the Best in Show Judge Stuart Plane, Richard Compton, the owner of Newby Hall, Secretary David Guy and Sarah Allsop (Chairman / Publicity Officer)
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testing as advised by the BVA/KC schemes. This could be monitored either by the vets or by the enforcement officers on their inspections'. It was also suggested that the wording be changed from microchipping to permanent identification, as microchips can migrate and some people have an objection to this method. The government team were unaware of tattooing
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