



To whom it may concern.

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I write on behalf of our member Jim McLellan MRCVS regarding his duty as a large animal Vet to humanely dispatch sick or injured animals with the appropriate firearm as allowed by British Law.

Under Health and Safety at work sound moderators are routinely authorised for pistols and rifles to safely dispatch animals. Home Office Guidance to the Police is not law, simply guidance and not what Parliament intended. Pest controllers, Vets and Deer Stalkers as members of this association have been issued with pistols and sound moderators. The reference to Vets at race courses is by way of an example and is not law.

In this last month .22 pistols, .32 pistols, 9mm & .45 pistols all with sound moderators have been authorized by a variety of police forces throughout the UK. None of the aforementioned were for race course use.

Under Health & Safety Jim McLellan dispatching an animal without a moderator in a concrete building risks damage to his hearing, distress to other animals, enough to cause death or injury due to a stampede.

This has been discussed at ACPO FELWG level, and documentary evidence is available..

Mike Wells  
General Secretary