



Overwhelming vote for continuation of tail docking, from the public

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The Council of Docked Breeds (CDB) has today welcomed the publication by the Countryside Alliance, of an independent poll which clearly shows that the majority of the general public do not want a ban on tail docking.

"The vote is split fairly evenly" said Peter Squires, President of the CDB, "close on one third want the status quo to remain, another third support the option for just working dogs and only 36% want a complete ban".

"Considering that the public have been bombarded with hysterical misinformation from the RSPCA, two thirds of the public supporting the continuation of tail docking is a remarkable result in our favour".

"I hope that our politicians take note that these results reflect the wishes of their constituents and that with over 1 million docked dogs in the UK, tail docking is not a matter affecting just a few of them, and one which needs careful consideration based on fact not hearsay, before they vote on the Animal Welfare Bill on March 8th".

MPs will vote on a ban on tail docking, which is only carried out by vets, at the Report Stage of the Animal Welfare Bill on 8th March 2006.

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Note for editors:

Copy of the poll News Release issued by the Countryside Alliance is attached.

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