YouGov / RSPCA Survey Results

Sample Size: 1012 Welsh adults
Fieldwork: 18th - 22nd July 2013

		Constitency voting intention				Westminster Voting Intention				Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Plaid	Con	Lab	Lib Dem*	Plaid	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	Mid and West Wales	North Wales	Cardiff and South Wales Central	South Wales East	South Wales West
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Which one of the following statements best reflects your view?																						
There is a welfare problem associated with equines/horses in Wales	**39**	36	43	52	46	34	44	*41*	47	37	41	21	32	43	46	41	37	43	28	39	43	42
There is NOT a welfare problem associated with equines/horses in Wales	**8**	10	5	14	15	8	5	*15*	18	10	5	22	6	8	4	8	8	10	10	6	5	8
Don't know	**54**	54	52	34	39	58	50	*44*	36	53	54	57	63	50	50	51	55	47	62	54	53	50
You previously said there is a welfare problem associated with equines/horses in Wales. Which two or three, if any, of the following do you think are the main problems associated with this? (Please select up to three options)																						
[To those who said there is a welfare problem with horses/equines in Wales. N=403]																						
Abandonment	**79**	74	85	*83*	77	73	83	*81*	*77*	82	77	*47*	85	82	80	79	79	72	69	77	84	93
Fly grazing (i.e. leaving horses on private land without permission)	**62**	76	58	*56*	65	76	55	*61*	*76*	64	60	*34*	35	68	73	59	64	59	65	65	56	66
Cruelty	**54**	42	57	*48*	55	44	58	*44*	*46*	50	58	*50*	61	53	54	55	54	49	53	54	60	56
Welfare	**50**	51	53	*30*	49	49	53	*25*	*47*	47	52	*60*	58	53	42	47	53	58	61	53	41	40
Overpopulation	**14**	14	8	*29*	17	14	10	*39*	*18*	15	14	*18*	5	16	17	17	12	14	12	14	22	8
Disease	**6**	2	9	*5*	3	2	7	*6*	*5*	8	3	*10*	12	3	4	4	7	3	4	7	11	3
Other	**2**	0	2	*4*	2	0	1	*13*	*3*	2	2	*4*	2	2	0	1	2	0	4	2	0	3
Don't know	**0**	1	0	*0*	0	0	0	*0*	*0*	0	0	*0*	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

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And which one, if any, of the following do you think would most help to solve these problems?

[To those who said there is a welfare problem with horses/equines in Wales. N=403]

Stricter ownership rules	**34**	35	42	*34*	19	37	41	*32*	*14*	34	34	*37*	43	28	35	37	31	36	37	30	29	41
Stricter sentencing for horse owners	**28**	25	24	*17*	32	25	25	*15*	*32*	25	30	*28*	21	32	27	25	30	34	26	24	29	24
More enforcement of rules	**21**	9	23	*27*	28	9	22	*36*	*33*	21	21	*17*	25	23	18	18	24	12	18	24	23	28
More animal welfare education	**7**	12	5	*2*	8	11	6	*0*	*7*	7	6	*7*	6	6	8	6	7	6	5	10	8	2
Culling unwanted/abandoned horses	**5**	9	1	*17*	9	9	1	*18*	*12*	8	3	*0*	0	6	8	8	3	5	4	9	6	2
Change/pass laws	**3**	6	5	*2*	0	6	5	*0*	*0*	4	3	*12*	2	4	2	4	3	5	6	3	2	2
Other	**1**	5	0	*0*	2	3	0	*0*	*3*	1	1	*0*	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	1
Don't know	**1**	0	0	*0*	3	0	0	*0*	*0*	0	2	*0*	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	1	1	0

Which, if any, of the following groups would you call when reporting a horses/equines problem? (Please tick all that apply)

RSPCA	**71**	63	77	84	72	67	75	*82*	68	69	73	59	68	72	76	71	71	71	75	61	74	74
Police	**31**	24	40	32	34	24	39	*31*	27	34	29	29	21	33	38	30	33	36	29	33	31	28
Local Authorities	**24**	17	33	22	29	18	32	*23*	30	31	19	22	19	26	28	27	22	28	15	25	26	28
Another animal welfare organisation or charity	**13**	10	16	16	10	9	15	*18*	10	8	18	13	9	13	15	11	15	18	14	12	13	7
Vets	**11**	13	11	9	11	14	13	*9*	7	10	12	16	12	11	10	12	11	16	12	7	12	11
Welsh Government	**2**	5	3	1	2	4	3	*0*	4	2	2	2	4	1	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	5
Other	**0**	0	0	0	0	0	0	*0*	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	**13**	14	7	8	5	13	7	*10*	7	12	14	24	19	10	8	11	15	10	11	20	12	11

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Please imagine that there was no alternative option other than a cull for dealing with large numbers of unwanted/abandoned horses in Wales. To what extent would you support or oppose this?																						
Strongly support	**8**	13	5	9	10	12	5	*6*	12	11	4	4	5	7	11	8	8	9	4	7	10	8
Tend to support	**18**	26	18	25	22	27	16	*22*	26	27	10	13	13	19	24	20	17	22	11	22	14	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	**26**	**39**	**23**	**34**	**32**	**39**	**21**	**28**	**38**	**38**	**14**	**17**	**18**	**26**	**35**	**28**	**25**	**31**	**15**	**29**	**24**	**31**
Neither support nor oppose	**17**	16	20	11	17	14	20	*10*	19	20	14	19	19	18	14	17	17	12	19	18	21	14
Tend to oppose	**22**	16	23	29	22	17	23	*27*	19	15	27	22	18	20	26	21	22	25	26	14	21	23
Strongly oppose	**23**	14	26	13	20	17	27	*12*	17	15	31	22	28	25	17	23	23	20	28	25	22	18
TOTAL OPPOSE	**45**	**30**	**49**	**42**	**42**	**34**	**50**	**39**	**36**	**30**	**58**	**44**	**46**	**45**	**43**	**44**	**45**	**45**	**54**	**39**	**43**	**41**
Don't know	**13**	15	8	14	9	13	8	*22*	7	12	13	21	18	12	7	12	14	12	12	15	11	14

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.*

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