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Dear Sara

END OF HUNTING MAMMALS WITH DOGS

Thank you for your correspondence dated 25 January 2022, informing me of a motion proposed by Councillor McReynolds, seconded by Councillor McAllister to end the practice of hunting mammals with dogs.

DAERA is committed to maintaining high animal welfare standards in NI. I note the motion by Belfast City Council in respect of hunting wild mammals with dogs; a complex and emotive issue. However, this form of hunting is considered cross cutting in the Executive and it will be for Ministers to agree a way forward in terms of any legislative proposals.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edwin Poots'.

EDWIN POOTS MLA
Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

