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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your email of 17 August on behalf of your constituents about e-collars.

The Government shares your constituents' high regard for animal welfare and I would like to reassure you that we remain committed to introducing a ban on hand-controlled training collars that can deliver an electric shock to cats or dogs.

The draft Animal Welfare (Electronic Collars) (England) Regulations 2023 will be considered by the House of Commons when parliamentary time allows. Parliamentary business will be announced in the usual way.

Yours sincerely,

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