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Dear Minister,

I am writing to you in order to highlight concerns raised with me regarding the beagle breeding facility in my constituency, Marshall BioResources, known locally as MBR Acres.

As you will be aware MBR Acres are subject to the requirements of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (ASPA), and that they must also comply with their licence conditions and with the published *Code of Practice for the Housing and Care of Animals Bred, Supplied or Used for Scientific Purposes*. I understand that these requirements include appropriate contingency planning for temperature extremes, daily welfare checks by competent personnel, and sufficient trained staff to maintain high standards of animal care and facility management. I am aware that the Home Office conducts audits of regulated establishments to assure compliance with ASPA, licence conditions and the Code of Practice; and that the welfare and care of dogs at MBR Acres continue to be monitored, by the Regulator, through this regulatory framework.

Despite this I continue to receive a high volume of correspondence from constituents this week reporting their concerns that the dogs at MBR Acres are at risk during the current heatwave. I did write to your predecessor during the last heatwave, and whilst I received a response, my concerns do not appear to have been directly addressed.

During the debate on animal testing on the 27th April I once again raised the issue of the welfare of the dogs, owing to the temperature inside the sheds at MBR Acres, asking the Minister to write to me and outline the steps implemented to mitigate those risks, given the likelihood of another hot spell. On the 16th June I received a response from the Minister reiterating the Government's position that all establishments licensed to breed or supply animals for scientific purposes are subject to the regulatory framework, but no specific measures were outlined as to how the Government would ensure that mitigation for extreme hot weather was in place.

As it seems likely that we will continue to experience periods of extreme heat over the summer, I would be grateful if you could provide some reassurance to my constituents that the welfare of the animals is being monitored to ensure they do not suffer unnecessarily.

Yours sincerely

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