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## **MEP ACTS TO STOP DOG HANGING IN SPAIN**

MEP Ian Hudghton is urging the Spanish government to tighten up its animal welfare laws to end the barbaric hanging of greyhounds in Spain.

The SNP member has received several letters from across Scotland following media stories last month in which it was reported that greyhounds in Spain are suffering a slow and painful death by hanging. The greyhounds, which were previously used for racing or hare coursing, have been deemed to have reached the end of their useful lives. The MEP has written to the UK Ambassador in Madrid, Mr Peter Torry, asking him to do all he can to get the Spanish authorities to put a stop to this cruelty.

“Many Scots are extremely distressed about the cruel treatment being meted out to these animals when they are reckoned to have come to an end of their “usefulness.” The European Commission has made it clear that responsibility for the welfare of animals kept for racing rests squarely with the member state governments. It is for this reason that I have written to the Ambassador asking him to raise the matter with the Spanish authorities and to keep me posted as to progress.

“We must stamp out animal cruelty in the European Union wherever it occurs.”

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