

The Beagle Club opposes beagle breeding units in Yorkshire

The Beagle Club and the world of dogs has reacted with shock to the news that New York based company Marshall Farms has put forward a planning application to build a complex to breed beagles purely for the purposes of experimentation, research and vivisection in Yorkshire. Marshall Farms purchased UK vivisection breeder B&K Universal a few years ago. It has now lodged a planning application to construct four breeding units.

The Beagle Club has always been strongly opposed to the use of, and the breeding of beagles specifically for, use in vivisection and experimentation. The club has written to the Council expressing its dismay at the proposal and strongly urging it to turn down this application.

Although the practice of using beagles for these purposes sadly still continues it has been slowly decreasing in recent years as researchers become more enlightened on animal welfare issues and better more reliable ways of achieving the same results without animals suffering become established. The club fully acknowledges why local councils need inward investment but would argue that there are some types of business that no modern forward thinking council would want setting up in their area. Yorkshire has always been synonymous with animals of all kinds and has a proud heritage in that respect; it would be a great shame to find the county and East Riding Council in particular forever tainted by allowing this to go ahead.

The club has also written to The Kennel Club urging them to join the opposition to the proposed development along with the other beagle breed clubs and the canine press. Contact is also being made with press and other regional media in that part of Yorkshire as well as local MP's. Time is critical and we would ask club members and the world of dogs to get behind the protests in one of two ways. Please sign (and verify) the online petition, the link is below, but please also voice your opposition direct to the council (this carries so much more weight); contact details are as follows:

Planning Application Number 11/01324/STPLF.

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<http://www.petitiononline.co.uk/petition/oppose-plans-for-breeding-beagles-for-vivisection-in-uk/2877>