Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

CIEH Animal Welfare Conference

Half-day conference: Friday 26 February 2027

09.15 **Registration and online login**

09.30 **Welcome and introduction**

09.35 Keynote: Keynote: Animal penalty notices: Turning policy into effective local intervention

- An update on the implementation of animal penalty notices, exploring how they can be used by local authorities as an early intervention and prevention tool, with practical insight from an officer already using them.

10:00 Panel session – Intelligence-Led animal welfare enforcement

- This panel will examine emerging trends in animal welfare intelligence, including issues involving dogs and breeding, and discuss how training, information sharing and partnership working can support effective local enforcement.

10:40 From Investigation to prosecution: Building a strong animal welfare case

- A practical session examining how officers can plan investigations, gather and preserve evidence, work with partner agencies and build robust animal welfare cases that can withstand legal scrutiny.

11:00 **Comfort break & sponsorship videos**

11.20 TBC

11:50 **Case study sessions:**
Tackling illegal puppy breeding: Challenges, enforcement and lessons learned

12:30 Seizing a dangerous wild animal: Partnership working and legal challenges

13.10 **Closing remarks**

13.15 **End of conference**