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The St Helena pets and livestock return 2012

The three-yearly census of animals on St Helena is now due.

Under the Agriculture & Livestock Improvement Ordinance, Cap.94, Section 7, and the Dogs & Cats Ordinance, Cap. 163, Section 12A, all persons owning or having in their possession any cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, donkeys, poultry, bees, dogs and cats are required to complete a Return. This Return must be provided in respect of all pets and livestock owned or kept on Sunday 2nd December, 2012, for each member of the household who is the principal owner or keeper.

Under the current law the Return is a legally enforced obligation, as the statistics so provided assist with the planning and assessment of agricultural policies designed to increase the productivity of the island. In addition, new this year, the census includes dogs and cats as they too impact on different aspects of the island's environment.

Forms should be completed by Sunday 9th December. Failure to provide a Return can result in a fine on conviction of up to £100 for every day overdue. Please note that those who do not own or care for any animals should not fill in a form. Forms will be delivered between 24th November and 2nd December by enumerators acting on behalf of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Directorate, and collected up until 15th December.

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LEGISLATION

The following Ordinance was enacted on the 21st November, 2012

The Child Welfare (Amendment) Ordinance, 2012. (Asc) Price 30p

Gillian Francis
Acting Chief Secretary

The Castle, St Helena
21 November 2012