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PADDY TIPPING LABOUR MP FOR SHERWOOD

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LOCAL MP VISITS JERRY GREEN DOG SANCTUARY, BLIDWORTH

Sherwood MP, Paddy Tipping, has today (Feb 12th) visited the Jerry Green Dog Sanctuary, Warsop Lane, Blidworth. As well as inspecting the kennels and dogs, he met staff and volunteers.

As a result of the visit Paddy intends to talk to government Ministers in the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs about possible legislative changes.

Paddy said, "the law needs extending to give better protection to dogs. First, there is a strong case for all dogs to be microchipped, so that their identity and ownership can be quickly established.

Secondly, breeders who have less than five dogs presently do not need to be licensed. My visit today persuaded me that there are abusers and I want to explore with Ministers whether this should be lowered.

The way we look after our pets reflects the values of our society. I am impressed with the dedication and professionalism of those involved with the Jerry Green Dog Sanctuary."

ENDS Staff at the Jerry Green Dog Sanctuary can be contacted on 01623 792886.

Pic attached - Paddy Tipping Centre.

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