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## Dear Marion

Thank you for your recent letter and further to our subsequent telephone conversation.

I thank you sincerely for your feedback regarding the Puppy Plan. I assure you that the views of your committee, which incidentally reflect the view of a number of experienced breeders, will be taking into account before we release the plan for general use.

The Puppy Plan was issued as a pilot to provide them with the opportunity to contribute from a perspective of experience rather than the theoretical or academic approach. We acknowledge that the author Carolyn Menteith has a wealth experience of training and behavior work with dogs and puppies, but we are aware that there is no substitute for hands on practical breeding experience and it would have been a mistake not to use the excellent resources of experienced breeders. The pilot was launched exclusively through our Assured Breeder Network.

Please rest assured that the plan is still in pilot mode and will not be formally launched until a thorough review has been carried out. This was made clear on the accompanying documentation but I accept that it may not have been quite as clear on the plan itself and I apologies for any confusion in this regard.

If you have any further queries or feedback, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Bill Lambert

Health and Breeder Services Manager



