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Sue Hayman MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, commenting on the Government's publication of a new Animal Welfare Bill, said:

"This is a rushed and haphazard attempt to backtrack on the Government's mistake of not including animal sentience in the EU Withdrawal Bill.

"There are serious questions about whether this Bill is equivalent to current EU standards given that it does not appear to cover wild animals – giving this Tory Government freedom to pursue their pro-fox hunting and reckless badger culling agenda across England.

"Labour calls on the Government to rectify this situation by supporting Labour's calls for animal sentience to be included as part of the EU withdrawal Bill, to maintain existing EU standards on animal welfare after the UK leaves the EU."