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Dear Editor,

### Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Election

It's been eighteen years since Breck Muir and I first blew the whistle on the pet-food fraud. This year, as a result of discussions on the [www.vetsurgeon.org](http://www.vetsurgeon.org) forum, more information was placed on the record by Roger Meacock and me than has occurred in all those eighteen years.

I believe this marks an important development whereby important evidence was seen by a significant section of the electorate, the RCVS President and other RCVS dignitaries. No longer can they say they did not know, they were not told.

At the vote, 389 out of a possible 22,201 RCVS Members recorded their dismay '[that our profession is not merely swayed but bent, twisted and controlled by junk pet-food makers](#)'.

To Roger Meacock and Alan Bennet who again nominated me in this thirteenth year of standing, I salute you. To each and every one of the 389, I say a sincere thank you.

To the successful candidates, I wish you well in your deliberations and trust that you will take due account of the scientific, political and legal implications of the pet-food fraud.

For all of us, Mark Twain's advice rings true: 'Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect.'

Thank you.

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