

Rotten Callous Venal Sham Elections

Conversations with Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons voters at www.vetsurgeon.org March and April 2010

Arlo Guthrie the site owner/moderator and several voters declined to be quoted. One voter agreed to be quoted anonymously and several others did not respond to correspondence and are assumed to have declined to be quoted.

The general tenor of the conversations is evident and the nature of the information is unmistakable. Several RCVS Councillors took part in the discussions and others visited the discussion thread. It can be fairly assumed that the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has been made aware of allegations of serious malfeasance throughout the veterinary profession.



Saturday, 20 Mar 2010 at 12:08



G'day,

The fight against the junk pet food/vet/fake animal welfare alliance is now into its twentieth year. And this is the fourteenth year I've contested Rotten Callous Venal Sham (RCVS) [Elections](#).

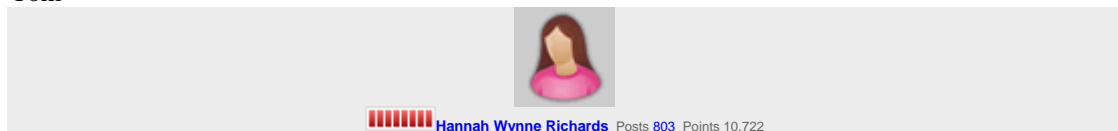
Please take a moment to visit the links in the recent newsletter:

[RMB Newsletter 10:2 Rotten Callous Venal Sham](#)

I look forward to your questions and comments.

Cheers,

Tom



[replied on](#)

Saturday, 20 Mar 2010 at 20:14



Tom

[Hannah Wynne Richards commented.]

Wynne

Post Points: 35



[Michael Woodhouse](#) Posts 208 Points 4,389

[replied on](#)
Sunday, 21 Mar 2010 at 01:52



Tom,

other than your website and some other spurious links can you direct me to any published peer reviewed papers in any respected journal? We are in the era of evidence based medicine and personal testimonies and spurious websites hold no water.

Michael

Post Points: 35



[Gillian Mostyn](#) Posts 508 Points 6,841

[replied on](#)
Sunday, 21 Mar 2010 at 04:57



Tom.

Maybe after 20 years you could accept that the people that don't vote for you aren't being brainwashed, or stupid, or looking to perpetuate a rotten industry. We just don't agree with you. Simples.

Afterall, tomorrow is another day...

Post Points: 80



[Vikki Halliday](#) Posts 382 Points 7,292

[replied on](#)
Sunday, 21 Mar 2010 at 08:21



Mr Lonsdale,

[Vikki Halliday commented.]

Regs.

V. Halliday

Be nice to those you meet on the way up, you may meet them again on the way down.

Post Points: 95



[Catherine Williams](#) Posts 10 Points 295

[replied on](#)
Monday, 22 Mar 2010 at 23:19



[Catherine Williams commented.]

Thank you

Post Points: 50



 [Richard Stephenson](#) Posts 54 Points 1,275

[replied on](#)
Monday, 22 Mar 2010 at 23:44



 **Catherine Williams:**
[quoted Catherine Williams.]

Catherine,

It's great to see that a member such as yourself is taking an interest in 'veterinary politics' for the first time and considering voting. That's just what this forum should be about!

We may not be able to solve all of the problems faced by our profession today - but we can give it our best try!

Thanks for your interest.

Richard Stephenson.

Post Points: 20



 [Roy Anderson](#) Posts 38 Points 796

[replied on](#)
Tuesday, 23 Mar 2010 at 02:27



Dear Catherine,

[Roy Anderson commented.]

Roy Anderson

Post Points: 20



 [Tom Lonsdale](#) Posts 132 Points 1,464

[replied on](#)
Tuesday, 23 Mar 2010 at 12:12



 **Hannah Wynne Richards:**

Tom

[quoted Hannah Wynne Richards.]

Wynne

Hi Wynne,

Thanks for comments.

Think we may be (partially) talking at cross purposes.

Have you followed the [elections these 14 years past?](#)

In case you didn't manage to click through the links in the Rotten Callous Venal Sham newsletter I've posted it, complete with links, [in the files](#).

Have you read [Raw Meaty Bones?](#)

If so I think you'd realize that the Rotten Callous Venal Sham refers to the profession at large and to the Royal College of Vet Surgeons in particular.

If the entire edifice is a venal sham, then any election is merely another charade in support of the sham.

You speculate that by answering questions I might obtain more votes. I doubt it.

Others have commented about the inane questions — even though their chief activity is besting each other over inane housekeeping matters.

Actually last year I did post lots of answers to run-of-the-mill style issues. Have a look and I think you will see I can keep house as well or better than the next candidate — experience and integrity count for a lot. ([Go to the early parts of this forum.](#))

Let's be clear, my candidacy is not about housekeeping, but about the profession showing maturity and integrity. We need to stop the current madness, turn through 180 degrees and head in the opposite direction. (You may better understand this concept when you read *RMB*.)

Publicly, by voting for me you make a symbolic gesture. You send a message to the RCVS, BVA, vet schools and Defra that they had better start finding ways to resolve the issues.

Privately, you signal to yourself that you want to be part of the solution, not the problem.

Good luck,

Tom

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Post Points: 11



Tom Lonsdale Posts 132 Points 1,464

[replied on](#)
Wednesday, 24 Mar 2010 at 16:24



Michael Woodhouse:

other than your website and some other spurious links can you direct me to any published peer reviewed papers in any respected journal? We are in the era of evidence based medicine and personal testimonies and spurious websites hold no water.
Michael,

You do yourself no favours casting aspersions founded on strange unsustainable assumptions.

But file this forum correspondence anyway. One day you'll look back with a mixture of disdain and amusement. 'How could I be so indoctrinated, how venal and corrupt my 'education'.'

Actually you could put your scornful post to good use in legal actions against the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) and other vet schools. It's pithy evidence of how the junk food makers and their academic chums manipulate veterinary thought processes.

It's against the law for vet authorities to be cruel to pet animals and worse still to indoctrinate young vets in the mass poisoning of pets. A [few test cases](#) should reveal the veracity of what I say. And hopefully there'll be some hefty compensation payouts to the young men and women who were lured under false pretences only to have their faith and trust abused.

Did you [read what Dr Tom Hungerford OBE](#); the grandfather of the Australian veterinary profession had to say?

Tell the people who won't review their views that: 'The foolish and the dead never change their opinions.' Maybe that is an overstatement - as the 'brain-dead' may also refuse to revise.

Anyhow there are many who adopt the stance of: Don't confuse me with facts, my mind is made up.

Did you read Oliver Graham-Jones FRCVS's [Foreword to Raw Meaty Bones?](#)

We have remained friends ever since . . . [I was] senior lecturer Royal Veterinary College, London, where memorably Tom and I first met. It was entirely Australia's gain to acquire such an outstanding practitioner who has never taken anything for granted. Indeed it was this very quality that helped him write these informative common sense observations about pet diets, disputing prepared foods and commending the raw meaty bones philosophy.

Please go back and examine what you call 'spurious links'. [Read in Raw Meaty Bones](#) (any chapters but perhaps start with 10, 11 and 12) about the bogus 'peer review' system, the contemptible journals and the empty rhetoric of 'evidence based medicine'. In fact you can see how an evidence based medicine expert was conned by the academics at the Royal Veterinary College if you check out the [BMJ article I've posted in the files](#).

So Michael, it's small wonder that the RVC academics conned you and your peers. But please help yourself to recover from the abuse; rediscover the value of common sense and then lend a hand in the campaign to stop further abuses.

Good luck,

Tom

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Post Points: 32

A UK based vet commented



Posts [315](#) Points 4,175

[replied on](#)

Wednesday, 24 Mar 2010 at 22:34



Mr Lonsdale,

Ignoring your views on RMB and diet, your comparison of the profession to Harold Shipman was so distasteful to the extreme. To compare many hard working, caring people with the most prolific, vile, predatory serial killer known is highly offensive. Your recent rant would probably be deemed libel under UK law and to me seems to be worthy of a disciplinary complaint to RCVS - not that you would care about that. Here in the North West, where Shipman worked, you will open a very sore wound that should not be reopened. You will do much better in your campaign if you delete your references to Shipman and tone down your language to a reasoned, scientific argument.

I will normally defend a person's right to freedom of speech but with this, you are just plain wrong.

Post Points: 50



[Tom Lonsdale](#) Posts 132 Points 1,464

[replied on](#)

Thursday, 25 Mar 2010 at 14:50



 **Gillian Mostyn:**

Maybe after 20 years you could accept that the people that don't vote for you aren't being brainwashed, or stupid, or looking to perpetuate a rotten industry. We just don't agree with you. Simple.

Gillian,

Thanks for providing your analysis.

I do agree with you that a majority of this so-called self-regulating profession, after twenty years, and for whatever reasons, refuse to support Raw Meaty Bones principles — principles that any sane, self-respecting, conscious human being knows to be true.

Yesterday a colleague wrote:

I think you are right to say that for the future simply standing for the RCVS may not be enough. Certainly keeps the subject in the (veterinary) public eye, but realistically unlikely to make much further progress in this direction, so maybe something more required.

Professor Emerita Sandra Scarr has emerged from retirement to focus on the junk pet food/vet/fake animal welfare scam.

Prof Scarr's [Wikipedia entry is here](#).

At [her blog](#) Prof Scarr comments:

Let's be clear: It is criminal to feed carnivorous pets a monotonous diet of cooked starches for their lifetimes, leading to unnecessary illnesses and premature deaths. Vets can remedy this disastrous situation, if they think for themselves.

And

I am usually an optimist about people, but honestly, the self-interested promotion of commercial pet foods and the resistance of veterinarians to the raw-meaty-bones diet is obscene in a profession entrusted with the care and welfare of pets.

In the latest *National Labrador Retriever Club Newsletter* Prof Scarr tells thousands of Labrador breeders '[Why You Can't Trust Vet's Advice on Feeding Dogs](#)'.

So, Gillian, what's to be done?

Prof Scarr, many of my contacts and I share the view that you and your chums are engaged in criminal conduct. We need a way forward and I invite you to make recommendations.

Cheers,

Tom

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Post Points: 20



replied on [Friday, 26 Mar 2010 at 00:58](#) **Malcolm Ness** Posts [143](#) Points [3,496](#)

replied on [Friday, 26 Mar 2010 at 00:58](#)



Tom Lonsdale:

Prof Scarr, many of my contacts and I share the view that you and your chums are engaged in criminal conduct

[Malcolm Ness quoted Tom Lonsdale (above) and commented.]

RCVS Specialist in Small Animal Surgery (Orthopaedics)
Croft Veterinary Referral Hospital. www.croftvets.co.uk

Post Points: 25



replied on [Friday, 26 Mar 2010 at 14:55](#) **Tom Lonsdale** Posts [132](#) Points [1,464](#)

replied on [Friday, 26 Mar 2010 at 14:55](#)



G'day,

Prior to quoting [Prof Scarr](#) in the reply to Gillian Mostyn (above) I took the precaution of seeking her approval.

This is what she wrote:

Hi Tom,

I am flattered that you choose to use my words to represent your positions. As you know, I am happy to support you.

My fear is that readers will not follow the several links to learn why you quote these condemnatory statements. I assume you are limited to a few words in the reply. If possible, could you give some positive quotes about what pets need and what vets should recommend to pet owners? The link to the blog entry you cite is

http://rmb4healthypets.blogspot.com/2010_02_01_archive.html. It would be great if RCVS vets would look at the entire slide show.

Have fun yourself!

Aloha,

Sandra


Please, I urge you, take a few moments and go to [the link](#) Prof Scarr mentions. With little effort on your part you can obtain the benefits of Prof Scarr's 73 years' wisdom gained from an illustrious academic career, advising governments, writing books, heading the \$600 million** [KinderCare, Inc](#) whilst all the time raising a family.

Even now she's a dynamo. She breeds Labradors, runs a working coffee farm and retail coffee business, runs a raw meaty bones co-op, writes a blog, writes articles and researches and campaigns against the junk pet-food/vet/fake animal welfare alliance.

Cheers,

Tom

**Annual revenues in the mid 1990s.



The screenshot shows a forum post header for Tom Lonsdale. It includes a profile picture of an older man with white hair, a red progress bar, and the text "Tom Lonsdale Posts 132 Points 1,464". Below the header, it says "replied on Monday, 29 Mar 2010 at 18:40" and shows five empty star icons.

 **Vikki Halliday:**

[quoted Vikki Halliday]

V. Halliday

Be nice to those you meet on the way up, you may meet them again on the way down.

Dear V. Halliday,

Thank you for communicating your views. Is this you being nice?

Delighted that you are now clicking through links. But I wonder where have you been this past 14 years of RCVS elections?

Didn't you know what informed my candidacy and the urgent need for the veterinary profession to stop the [Rotten Callous Venal Sham](#)? Haven't you read *Raw Meaty Bones* to better understand the grievous crimes perpetrated by this 'profession' lost without a moral compass in a haze of self admiration?

Some things you should know:

- i.) The information about which you complain has been [on the record since 1991](#) and has been expanded every year since then.
- ii.) The veterinary authorities throughout the world, but especially in the UK have been kept well informed.
- iii.) By their control of the channels of communication, the RCVS, BVA, BSAVA and veterinary schools have ensured that UK veterinary students and veterinary surgeons are maintained in ignorance.
- iv.) [At 14 previous elections](#) I've restated the case. The RCVS Officers have been fully aware of the seriousness of the allegations against them, the organization they control and the profession that they regulate.
- v.) Despite general apathy, and I suspect venality, of the profession and it's guiding lights, around 10% of voters have supported my stand in each of the past 14 elections.
- vi.) That's around 350 qualified veterinarians who each year send a message to the RCVS that they believe there are major issues of malfeasance, incompetence, cruelty and abuse.
- vii.) So far the RCVS Officers have refused to act.

Despite the widespread breaches still to be investigated under animal welfare laws, consumer protection laws, labeling laws and other national and local statutes, you seek to silence me the whistleblower.

If you have your way, and out of the 40 RCVS Councilors, where will you find Disciplinary Committee members without major conflicts of interest?

Perhaps, after you simmer down, you'll start to question your stance; question the indoctrination that supplanted education. After that comes the unlearning and rejection of the junk pet-food inspired dogma. Then with a keen new approach you may start to see matters of health and disease in a completely new light.

Good luck,

Tom Lonsdale

Ps. May I ask, are you on the way up or on the way down?

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Post Points: 20



[replied on](#)

Wednesday, 31 Mar 2010 at 04:01



Mr Lonsdale,

[Vikki Halliday commented.]

Post Points: 20



[replied on](#)

Thursday, 01 Apr 2010 at 17:28



Hi Catherine,

Thanks for writing at length. Congratulations that you take a look at some of the issues faced by the profession.

 **Catherine Williams:**

[quoted Catherine Williams.]

Last year I posted more answers than anyone else, many of which were on regular housekeeping matters. My responses often drew attention to the pet food monster affecting most aspects of our professional lives. It's the monster other candidates pretend not to see and certainly never mention. Currently we've got 40 councilors who are more a part of the problem than the solution. Vote me onto the Council and you will still have 39 councilors bickering over the minutiae. BTW, the so-called [BARF \(vomit/puke/spew\) diet is a travesty](#) and not something I support.

 **Catherine Williams:**

[quoted Catherine Williams.]

OK, now it's time for you to do some reading and find out about the 180 degrees through which the profession must turn. When a massive paradigm shift gets underway we don't need 'balance' between outmoded, false ideas and clear benefits of the new. We need momentum in the right direction using the right road map and sign posts. From the beginning I hoped that the profession's privilege and power to self-regulate would turn into practical application. Sadly throughout the almost 20 years of campaigning I've encountered little or no goodwill in the profession. It's rather eerie to observe the

hypocrisy and malice of this supposedly healing profession. It's more akin to a tribe of primates viciously defending their hunting ground.

 **Catherine Williams:**

[quoted Catherine Williams.]

The day I sit on the Council will be the day the Government appoints me to a slimmed down Council. It will be the day I don a collar and tie instead of the jungle greens. Hopefully, and providing it occurs before I'm too old, I shall make the transition from guerrilla fighter to statesman like so many role models before.

Meanwhile, please check out [Raw Meaty Bones](#), [some veterinary opinions](#) and also have a look at [why the supporting texts are vitally important too](#).

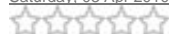
I look forward to our further discussions upon return from the [New Zealand tour](#).
Happy Easter,

Tom

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Post Points: 20



[replied on](#)
Saturday, 03 Apr 2010 at 04:39



Regarding the statement regarding RMB research I put into the other thread ("Trying to do this by the numbers"). The statement wasn't intended purely as a sop for Tom - although I thought it fair to cover a representative selection themes - I think the statement is controversial to a degree.

RMBites have come to conclusions based, it seems, on anecdote alone (certainly after eagerly following the links that Tom has offered in the past following requests for stronger evidence I've become somewhat dispirited about being able to find any). If one can ignore the unpleasant rhetoric against the profession, it appears to me that they do put forward certain plausible theories as to why RMB might be a better idea than commercial diets.

Just to put this in perspective, I believe this is the level of "evidence" we have for selling ear cleaners to clients rather than telling them to use tap water:

<http://www2.cochrane.org/reviews/en/ab004326.html>

They do put forward a number of uncomfortable truths, of which the least hole-filled ones are:

- We are taught (by those awful vet schools) that cats are obligate carnivores. However most standard commercial feline diets have a pretty high vegetable content, which come with a high carbohydrate content.
- Feline diabetes is relatively common, and one effective way of treating it is to put the animal on something much more akin to a meat based diet.

The opposition make a number of counter-arguments, which I'm sure have been gone into on the RMB thread. A similarity between the two is a lack of good-quality evidence.

The Hill's rep's response to my question of "why is your standard diet any better than Chappie?" was that because Hills foods had standardised ingredients there was less risk of gut issues - which could be applied equally well to RMB.

If, indeed, the RMBites do have a point, they have not shown themselves so far to have the wherewithal to put together a decent trial to prove it. The pet food manufacturers have either decided not to bother entertaining the cult with rebuttals or have done the research, found that it supports RMB, and quietly sat on it.

While the poorly supported arguments bounce back and forth, the RMBites vociferously condemn the profession. Their voice is small but joins a number of other complainants in their attempts to harm public confidence in the profession, which is why RCVS should be taking an interest.

While it is perhaps rather unfair that vets be asked to fund such research, to publish research which shows no benefit to commercial food (despite the obvious effect it will have on practice revenue) shows a notable degree of altruism; to find otherwise gives those annoyed by RMB a more decisive shovel with which to whack it when it pops its head up (although I'm sure in this case the RMBites would claim that the RCVS is not impartial and that the study is flawed).

Post Points: 20



[replied on](#)
Thursday, 22 Apr 2010 at 11:42



 **Richard Stephenson:**

We may not be able to solve all of the problems faced by our profession today - but we can give it our best try!

Dear Mr Stephenson,

'Give it our best try!' Surely you jest!

The mass poisoning of pets by vets overshadows any other real or perceived issue facing this profession. From my observations, you and your chums try only to ignore this crisis in the hope it will go away.

The whistle was blown by [Breck Muir](#) and [me](#) in 1991 and [repeatedly blown every year since](#). Are you deaf?

Don't you believe in playing by the rules?

Or are you secretly working behind the scenes to bring about the necessary reforms?

Please advise.

Thanks,

Tom Lonsdale

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Post Points: 35



[replied on](#)
Thursday, 22 Apr 2010 at 20:48



Tom

[Hannah Wynne Richards commented.]

Wynne

Post Points: 35



 [Richard Stephenson](#) Posts 54 Points 1,275

replied on
Friday, 23 Apr 2010 at 09:31



Dear Tom,

Thank you for your kind words.

It is probably well known that all my patients are horses and as far as I am aware vegetarians, thus I'm not sure that RMB would have much resonance with my clients!

Although I have followed your crusade for many years as an equine practitioner I don't really feel qualified to debate the 'bare bones' of this issue with such an eminent expert in the nutritional benefits of offal.

Best wishes in your campaign.

Your humble servant,

Richard S.

Post Points: 95



 [Tom Lonsdale](#) Posts 132 Points 1,464

replied on
Friday, 23 Apr 2010 at 15:21



 **Roy Anderson:**

[quoted Roy Anderson.]

Dear Mr Anderson,

Good that you enter into the Rotten Callous Venal Sham discussion.

Please take it as a comment or a question, but I wonder about your apparent non-committal attitude to the widespread cruelty, corruption and fraud occasioned by the mass poisoning of animals under the care of veterinary surgeons.

I wonder therefore, in the event that you are re-elected to the Council of the RCVS will you take steps to help resolve the mass poisoning?

BTW, I use the term 'poison' in keeping with the definitions of the noun and verb reproduced below.

Best wishes,

Tom Lonsdale

Main Entry: 1poison
Pronunciation: ,p•i-z«n
Function: noun
Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French, drink, poisonous drink, poison, from Latin potio-, potio drink— more at potion
Date: 13th century

1 a : a substance that through its chemical action usually kills, injures, or impairs an organism b(1) : something destructive or harmful (2) : an object of aversion or abhorrence

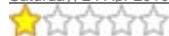
Main Entry: 2poison
Function: transitive verb
Inflected Form: poiſoned ; poiſoning \,p•iz-niŠ, ,p•i-z«n-iŠ\
Date: 14th century

1 a : to injure or kill with poison b : to treat, taint, or impregnate with or as if with poison
2 : to exert a baneful influence on : corrupt ²poisoned their minds³
3 : to inhibit the activity, course, or occurrence of
-poiſonfer \,p•iz-n-,r, ,p•i-z«n-,r\
noun

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Post Points: 5



replied on
Saturday, 24 Apr 2010 at 16:57



A UK vet surgeon commented:

Ignoring your views on RMB and diet, your comparison of the profession to Harold Shipman was so distasteful to the extreme. To compare many hard working, caring people with the most prolific, vile, predatory serial killer known is highly offensive.

G'day ***,

Thank you for your comments.

Of course I understand that not everyone will appreciate the comparison with Shipman and many will continue to deny that by their actions they ensure the slow cruel disease and death of carnivores under their care. (Of course animals afflicted by Gastric Dilatation and Volvulus, blocked urethras and thromboemboli die in a matter of hours in excruciating pain — directly as a result of the dietary advice and junk food promoted by vets.)

Back in the late 1980s I was aghast and conscience stricken when I discovered I had been the agent of massive cruelty to the pets under my care. I resolved to stop recommending junk food for carnivores, to apologise to clients who had followed my dietary advice and then to pursue to the limit of my ability the resolution of what I saw as a mighty fraud.

If Shipman killed a few hundred of his patients, vets kill and maim many thousands over the course of a professional life if they insist on pets under their care being fed junk food. Sorry, but this is an inescapable truth about which we should all be deeply ashamed.

Did you notice that as a result of the [Bristol Royal Infirmary](#) disaster and the [Shipman scandal](#) that the Government and the General Medical Council took notice and then took action? Professor Peter Rubin,

Chair, General Medical Council recently asked in [RCVS News](#): 'What can the veterinary profession learn from the GMC?'

For nigh on 20 years I've been asking the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to take notice and take action to resolve the disaster in our midst. [For 14 consecutive years I've been standing in RCVS elections](#) on this single, multidimensional issue.

This year in my manifesto I specifically mentioned:

Careful investigation revealed that the veterinary profession, colluding with pet-food makers and so-called animal welfare groups, had falsified the records regarding preventable diseases and premature death affecting millions of pets. ([Harold Shipman](#) hid in plain sight behind falsified records too!)

Soon we shall see how many vets have cast votes in support.

Please, instead of attacking me the messenger, how about you resolve to clean-up your own act (if you haven't already done so) and then lend a hand in the struggle to get the veterinary profession to show some semblance of conscience and responsibility?

Cheers,

Tom

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Post Points: 38

A UK vet surgeon commented

[replied on](#)
Saturday, 24 Apr 2010 at 18:39



Sorry Tom, but your continued use of the Harold Shipman analogy is highly offensive and of course I wont appreciate the comparison, who would? If you weren't a candidate I would be asking Arlo to show you a red card. If you can't have a sensible debate, keep quiet. Your choice of language is driving more people in the opposite direction and even if you are correct, I have no interest in hearing from you anymore.

Post Points: 35



[Tom Lonsdale](#) Posts 132 Points 1,464

[replied on](#)
Sunday, 25 Apr 2010 at 16:01



Malcolm Ness:

[quoted Malcolm Ness.]

Dear Mr Ness,

Thank you for your advice and good, longstanding advice it is too.

In 1992 I asked my NSW-based solicitor for an opinion to be included in the [Pandemic of Periodontal Disease lecture](#). My solicitor advised that the following matters may become issues of relevance in the future:

1. Potential claims by pet owners under various pieces of consumer legislation throughout the States and Territories of Australia.
2. In the Federal sphere potential Trade Practices Act claims for false or misleading claims may be made either in relation to advertising or promotional material or labels.
3. The new Truth in Labelling activities instituted by the Federal Government.
4. Potential problems or claims under the recently introduced Product Liability provisions in Part V of the Trade Practices Act.
5. The, as yet, unknown effect of class actions which have been lawful in Australia since the 5th day of March 1992 which may tend to overcome the existing drawbacks to actions brought by individual pet owners, namely the high cost of litigation and claims which may amount to only several hundreds of dollars in relation to an individual pet.

The foregoing relates to potential claims against manufacturers, distributors and possibly even retailers of processed pet food. Query what may be the legal problems of veterinarians who fail to consider the issues in this paper or fail to address those issues in advising pet owners who make known to the veterinarian that they rely wholly and solely on processed pet food to supply their pets' diet. Is it too much to suggest that, as pet owners, in common with everyone else in the community become more litigious, veterinarians may some day share top billing on a Writ?

In 1993 the University of Sydney, Post Graduate Foundation in Veterinary Science commissioned me to write a book chapter on [Preventative Dentistry](#). I included the legal advice for the benefit of all vets, veterinary organisations and veterinary insurers.

In the intervening eighteen years we've accumulated much additional evidence regarding the mass poisoning of pets by their veterinarians. In the UK the [Animal Welfare Act 2006](#) has been introduced which specifies some [precise ways in which a majority of vets are engaged in illegal conduct](#).

Our task now is to raise the necessary funds or obtain the services of a *pro bono* lawyer. It's something any self-respecting veterinarian should be proud to assist. We need to cut out the cancerous core of our profession and launching prosecutions will likely greatly assist.

Mind you, we should be in no doubt about the difficulties we face. One American lawyer predicted the resultant legal battles will compare with the [Scopes Monkey Trial](#).

Please let me know how you wish to help and who you believe should be targeted in the first prosecutions.

Best wishes,

Tom Lonsdale




[Jon Bray](#) Posts 61 Points 1,291

replied on Sunday, 25 Apr 2010 at 23:59

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Doesn't need to be a private prosecution in the UK - if you really believe that there is a criminal case rather than just a civil case to answer then lobby CPS to do it. I can't remember the exact prerequisites of the public interest test but I think that all of them are arguably fulfilled, other than the fact that the CPS won't take on any case unless it has enough evidence to give a reasonable chance of a successful prosecution. It comes back to you needing decent trials - if you get those you may well find that those

of us who currently consider you to be the RCVS equivalent of Screaming Lord Such will become staunch allies.

Consider though the detrimental effects on farm animal welfare and the environment of switching all pets currently on a predominantly vegetarian diet to a predominantly meat based one.

Post Points: 20



[Tom Lonsdale](#) Posts 132 Points 1,464

replied on

Monday, 26 Apr 2010 at 16:41



Dear Ms Halliday,

Thank you for your comments. You say:

 **Vikki Halliday:**
[quoted Vikki Halliday.]

I believe that you misquote my recent [RMB Newsletter](#):

RCVS Councillor Clare Tapsfield-Wright, snout in the pet-food trough, [falsely claims: 'I have no conflicts of interest'](#). See her poisonous junk pet-food offerings at: <http://ashdownvetservices.co.uk/live/index.php?idCompany=12>

I've no opinion on whether Mrs Tapsfield-Wright is poisonous. I do however pass comment on her ['easy way to buy pet food'](#). That a sitting member of the RCVS Council should advertise products likely to bring about pain, suffering and a slow, sometimes rapid death of her patients is indeed a serious indictment both of Mrs Tapsfield-Wright and the system in which she operates.

 **Vikki Halliday:**
[quoted Vikki Halliday.]

Sorry if you have not grasped the significance of the junk pet-food affiliations of the majority of RCVS councilors. As you know 12 councilors are appointed by vet schools all contracted to junk pet-food companies. 24 councilors are voted in by the membership. Of those 24 councilors many, perhaps a majority, promote junk pet-food in their practices. Specialists, who may not sell junk food, but nevertheless profit from the treatment of pet dogs and cats, are therefore for the most part reliant upon the junk pet-food poisoning of the animals. [Some councilors either have or do work for junk pet-food organizations](#). Others are or have been officers of the [British Veterinary Association and British Small Animal Association, two disgraceful organizations that have joined with the Pet Food Manufacturer's Association in condemning a more natural diet](#).

The RCVS in its full official capacity has repeatedly denied there is any issue to consider or alternatively has published dismissive statements indicating a fixed view, but of course without conducting the necessary impartial assessment. See: [RMB Newsletter 8:3 Straight Questions: Crooked Answers](#) and [RCVS News Nov 2006](#).

And I have it on good evidence that when [Mr Bob Partridge had a well researched complaint lodged against him over his pet-food promoting activities](#) that the matter was prejudged and thrown out by the Preliminary Investigating Committee whose Chair is [Mrs Lynne Hill a former junk pet-food executive](#).

So you see, Ms Halliday, we are in the invidious position where the veterinary police (aka RCVS) is in fact a haven for junk pet-food flunkies.

 **Vikki Halliday:**
[quoted Vikki Halliday.]

I was beginning to contemplate the use of armour penetrating missiles in an attempt to get through to you. It's taken nearly 20 years, but if you are starting to take an interest then I'm very pleased. Have you read *Raw Meaty Bones* yet?

All the best,

Tom

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Wednesday, 28 Apr 2010 at 13:49



Hi Jon,

Thanks for range of observations.

 **Jon Bray:**

RMBites have come to conclusions based, it seems, on anecdote alone (certainly after eagerly following the links that Tom has offered in the past following requests for stronger evidence I've become somewhat dispirited about being able to find any). If one can ignore the unpleasant rhetoric against the profession, it appears to me that they do put forward certain plausible theories as to why RMB might be a better idea than commercial diets.

Of course pleased that you are making an effort to understand what's going on. I am, however, surprised at your description of the evidence I put before you. Can you be more specific? Do you suppose that the junk pet food cult is founded on credible research and evidence?

Revolutions in thought where we turn through 180 degrees and chuck out old false dogma is bound to stir the passions. Albert Einstein reportedly recommended that science students: 'Spend an hour every day rejecting the ideas of others and thinking out things for themselves. This will be a hard thing to do but it will be very rewarding.'

I'll try making a few points in the hope it will help you unlearn the current dogma. As it's oft remarked, employing the same thinking that got us into the mess is not the best means of getting us out.

Accordingly I wrote [Raw Meaty Bones](#) setting out 389 pages of evidence and reasoning — and I believe providing a road map out of the diabolical mess. It's now ['peer reviewed' by eminent vets who recommend that every vet reads the book.](#)

Prior to publication renowned climate change scientist [James Lovelock FRS](#) read and approved Chapters 10 and 14. [Professor Colin Howson](#), at the time Chair of the Department of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method at the London School of Economics, read and approved of the book. Does the veterinary profession consider these eminent authorities to be misled or stupid or operating some spurious agenda?

 **Jon Bray:**

If, indeed, the RMBites do have a point, they have not shown themselves so far to have the wherewithal to put together a decent trial to prove it. The pet food manufacturers have either

decided not to bother entertaining the cult with rebuttals or have done the research, found that it supports RMB, and quietly sat on it.

Some obvious points flow from this statement. The issues largely turn around abiding by and knowing the difference between right and wrong and fundamental definitions of what constitutes an appropriate diet for carnivores. It's axiomatic that water is wet, birds fly in the air and carnivores are designed to consume other animals, fish and birds. When whistleblowers report major fraud (or at the very least, fundamental scientific incompetence), it's not incumbent on them to conduct the investigations and lock up the offenders.

On the sole point of the oft spoken demand for a 'decent' scientific trial let's consider the real life situation as it pertained in 1993. [Professor Colin Harvey](#), one of only two professors of veterinary periodontology in the world and with 75 vets working under him at the University of Pennsylvania, proposed to do a trial. In the USA there are large breeding colonies of beagles used for research. As you can imagine the animals are fed junk food and all consequently suffer periodontal disease. Professor Harvey's plan was to randomize a pen of beagles and instead of feeding the regular junk food; he would feed raw meaty bones. A few gingival indices, calculus scores and possible other parameters would be measured. I was consulted and I advised on what would constitute an appropriate RMB diet.

Despite the research being easy to perform and costing very little – after all the food costs would be zero sum – Professor Harvey was banned from doing the research. That was 17 years ago. But even if Professor Harvey had jeopardized his job and performed the research can you suggest a journal (from the corrupt few available to us) that would publish the results?

 **Jon Bray:**

While the poorly supported arguments bounce back and forth, the RMBites vociferously condemn the profession. Their voice is small but joins a number of other complainants in their attempts to harm public confidence in the profession, which is why RCVS should be taking an interest.

You are right that the junk food purveyors and their conspirators have poorly supported arguments. For the most part their so-called research don't pass the laugh test. The Australian Veterinary Association cast a light on the bogus research that underpins the current mass poisoning of pets:

Those investigating small animal health problems should also take diet and diet consistency into account when researching systemic diseases — possible confounding effects of diet and poor oral health must be considered in such studies. (AVA News February 1994. See [Raw Meaty Bones](#) Chapt 1)

Check for yourself in any copy of the *Journal of Small Animal Practice* or other so-called peer reviewed journal and you'll see that diet and poor oral health are NEVER EVER considered. They always deliberately exclude the two defining features of the most common health issues affecting pet carnivores. (Find exceptions if you can.)

Conversely the RMB arguments are of impeccable evidence, logic and interpretation.

I do agree with you that the ruination facing the vet profession has scarcely begun to register. I hope that you will read more in depth and then make some basic clinical observations for yourself.

All the best,
Tom

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 **Arlo Guthrie** Posts 1,647 Points 45,617

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Wednesday, 28 Apr 2010 at 17:57



 **Tom Lonsdale:**

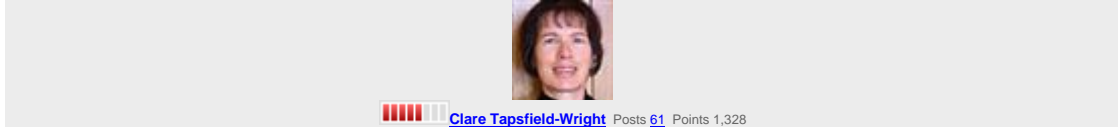
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[Arlo Guthrie commented.]

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Thursday, 29 Apr 2010 at 02:00



Mr Lonsdale

[Clare Tapsfield-Wright commented.]

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Thursday, 29 Apr 2010 at 08:54



[Bob Partridge commented.]

Bob Partridge

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Thursday, 29 Apr 2010 at 18:11



G'day Jon and all,

Thanks for the thoughts.

 **Jon Bray:**

Doesn't need to be a private prosecution in the UK - if you really believe that there is a criminal case rather than just a civil case to answer then lobby CPS to do it. I can't remember the exact prerequisites of the public interest test but I think that all of them are arguably fulfilled, other than the fact that the CPS won't take on any case unless it has enough evidence to give a reasonable chance of a successful prosecution.

Without being a lawyer but from principles of natural justice the public interest looks certain to be fulfilled. Lawyers would be able to tell us the legal position and in any case, we don't need to win the

court hearings to win the battle. Getting this stuff litigated is what's gonna count. That way we start to get 'discovery' of the corruption behind the scenes in the junk food companies, at the universities, RCVS and vet associations.

Those candidates and others who parade their ignorance and complicity on this and other forums will get their chance to be cross-examined. What a hoot! They seek to deny the obvious and defend the indefensible whilst complaining about frank use of English language describing the mass poisoning of animals by supposed health care professionals! Seems they're long on umbrage and short on morals.

 **Jon Bray:**

It comes back to you needing decent trials - if you get those you may well find that those of us who currently consider you to be the RCVS equivalent of Screaming Lord Such will become staunch allies.

Thanks, you're so kind.

Actually we'll be exposing the outrage where the junk pet-food makers, Councilors Partridge, Tapsfield-Wright and Co have not a single trial demonstrating that the junk concoctions they peddle in any way compare with the natural standard.

They are damned without the trials; they'll be comprehensively damned with the trials. All that's needed now is to bring them to trial. Would you like to contact the [CPS](#)?

All the best,

Tom

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Thursday, 29 Apr 2010 at 19:16



 **Arlo Guthrie:**

[quoted Arlo Guthrie.]

Hi Arlo,

That's a good offer and we've reason to be grateful. Although, I suggest we slow down a bit and consider what's at issue here.

The current conspiracy involves researchers, publisher and readers who all clamour for some (highly discredited) peer review system of publication that supports existing paradigms. Will posting draft papers on an electronic vet notice board somehow make it all sweet and wholesome? And, gift horse or no, I need to ask if you will banish papers to the 'Controversial' file where no one sees them?

In fairness, I should say that there's a mass of new information laid before the vet profession, thanks to this site. When the RMB campaign started in 1991 we were limited to one letter once a month in *AVA News*, if we were lucky. But it only lasted 15 months before we were banned completely.

A further benefit arising from the free publication principles employed on vetsurgeon is that last year 6 RCVS Councilors gained a rudimentary education on RMB issues. This year we'll have six more. And after four years we'll have a total of 24 RCVS Councilors who have at least been exposed to RMB info.

Going forward, we need to do more, more effectively, more quickly and with less effort. What practical proposals do you have for publishing papers and encouraging vets to read and discuss the contents?

Cheers,
Tom

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Tom Lonsdale:

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[Nial Taylor commented.]

Niall

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[Jon Bray](#) Posts [61](#) Points [1,291](#)

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Friday, 30 Apr 2010 at 08:13



Tom Lonsdale:

Would you like to contact the [CPS](#)?

Nope, but then I'm not hellbent on iconoclasis. If I was going to spend time pressurising CPS into prosecuting someone I'd have them pick bulldog breeders.

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Friday, 30 Apr 2010 at 15:57


 **Niall Taylor:**

[quoted Niall Taylor.]

G'day Niall,

Thanks for the advice. You seem unduly sensitive to plain English speaking. I wonder where you've been and what you've been doing to help this past twenty years.

Do you know the range of attempts — some soft, some vigorous, some oblique, some full face — that have been made to alert the vet profession to its woeful folly? Are you aware of the censorship and suppression and the bogus disciplinary actions brought by the vet establishment and designed to shield vets from the truth?

Have you endured any disciplinary actions? I've endured five bogus actions —ruthless, aggressive actions much stronger than any words. They sure got my attention. They used up my resources and delayed the writing and publication of *Raw Meaty Bones*.

Back in the 1990s I paid my lawyer for advice on how to deal with the vet profession, vet associations and their junk pet-food paymasters. On one occasion my lawyer told the story of the donkey trainer.

When first he arrived to train the donkey, the trainer picked up a stout piece of wood and felled the donkey with a sharp blow between the ears. The donkey staggered and got to its feet. Whereupon the trainer felled the donkey again.

After the third time, the owner asked the trainer what he was doing.

'First get the donkey's attention' replied the trainer.


Now that I've got your attention please do tell us how much you've been researching the issues? Do you believe that you are up to speed? Do you still follow vet school advice to feed (poison) the animals under your care with junk food? What do you contemplate doing to help rescue the vet profession from its enduring folly?

All the best,

Tom



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Friday, 30 Apr 2010 at 17:26


G'day Arlo,

Thanks for your observations. As a non-vet you can be forgiven for misunderstandings. Although I would recommend that you take care about your sources of information. It appears that you've paid little or no attention to what [Roger Meacock](#), [Richard Allport](#) and I've been saying; have not found time to read *Raw Meaty Bones* and *Work Wonders* and I doubt if you've spoken with [Professor Richard Malik](#) and other commentators of integrity.

 **Arlo Guthrie:**

[Arlo Guthrie suggested that pets are living longer healthier lives]

Are they? Whoever told you that? Where is their evidence? (And I mean published evidence, not the marketing spiel of junk pet food outfits and their vet flunkies.)

Theoretically, of course, I accept that the junk food makers may have ironed out some of the problems encountered in junk foods of, say, fifty years ago. That's not surprising since they've been flat out trying to obscure and resolve the known litany of problems whilst continuing their disgraceful fraud.

And if you wish to create straw men and say today's junk foods are better than a bread and water diet (inadequate protein), an all meat diet (insufficient calcium), a liver diet (too much vitamin A), a vegetable diet (no taurine) or all manner of other diets concocted by unknowing owners, then you may have a (meaningless) point.

But please don't begin to suggest that junk food fed animals live longer and healthier lives than their raw meaty bones fed counterparts.

Lippert and Sapy compared longevity of dogs fed table scraps against those fed junk food from the can or packet ([see papers top right hand side](#)). Yup, junk food fed dogs died on average at 10.4 years. Table scraps enabled pet dogs to live to 13.1 years.

In 2009 [Professor Richard Malik](#), highly regarded feline medicine expert, went all the way to Brazil to tell the [2009 WSAVA conference about the DECREASE in health and thus life expectancy of cats fed junk food](#).

Malik says:

Re-emergence of the View That 'Natural' Foods Are Necessary

In the 1990s, a group of veterinarians (e.g., Dr Tom Lonsdale) helped remind our profession and the general public that cats were obligate carnivores, and that they did better when fed more "natural" food such as chicken wings, drumsticks, lamb shanks, chunks of uncut red meat, and the like.

Although there was a strong emphasis on texture in relation to periodontal health, the "raw meaty bones lobby" provided cogent arguments that fresh meat by-products "on the bone", containing skin and connective tissues, were also an important source of micronutrients. Food was eaten slowly and with effort, rather than being gulped down. Presumably this results in a lesser post-prandial alkaline tide. There is more tenacity about possession of food when such diets are provided, and without doubt cats are more satisfied at the completion of a "natural meal".

Effort extended in chewing, gnawing and consuming the ration provides exercise for the gums, periodontium and masticatory muscles (and indeed for the whole cat). The natural self-cleaning action of stripping flesh from bone reduces tartar accumulation and promotes good gingival and oral cavity hygiene. Even tearing apart long strips or chunks of meat achieves this end.

And well might Professor Malik say these things.

My research (both published and unpublished) and that of thousands of others confirms that the sick are cured and the healthy remain healthy if four simple steps are followed:

- i.) Abide by the first rule of medicine. 'First do no harm'. Stop the junk food. About an 80% improvement in health arises.
- ii.) Fix up any periodontal problems surgically as indicated.
- iii.) Feed whole carcasses or raw meaty bones.
- iv.) Stand back in amazement and ask, 'Why didn't the vet/vet school/RCVS tell me this?'

Arlo, it's a no-brainer. Sick animals live shorter more miserable lives. Why do you think [Professor of Psychology, Professor Sandra Scarr](#) says on [her blog](#):

The unholy alliance of pet food companies, veterinarians, and animal welfare groups (who also depend on pet food companies for funding) is costing pet owners worldwide billions of dollars in diet-caused illnesses and causing immeasurable suffering and premature deaths for millions of pets. This money-driven cabal has to be exposed and stopped.

Do you suggest that Professor Scarr has lost her marbles? According to you, she should switch her Labrador breeding kennel back to junk food quick smart.

 **Arlo Guthrie:**
[quoted Arlo Guthrie.]

Now I know you haven't read *Raw Meaty Bones* or *Work Wonders* and are therefore short on information, however this statement of yours really does leave you badly exposed. First, there is NO PUBLISHED LONGITUDINAL RESEARCH that demonstrates junk food even remotely compares with, let alone outweighs the benefits of a natural diet.

Second, it's as easy as falling off a log to show the difference between the health and well being of animals fed junk food and those fed RMB. Just try reading *Raw Meaty Bones* and *Work Wonders* (with an open mind) and you'll be supplied with all the information you require.

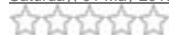
Actually, you might like to publish book reviews, the very thing the corrupt vet journals refuse to do.

All the best,
Tom

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Interesting papers there - in particular the reference to the lack of side effects of feeding oxtail to beagles. I'll look into the availability of oxtail in the UK although I think it may still be banned.

The Lippert and Sapy paper also makes interesting reading (worth it for the other factors involved with longevity). However I'd like to point out two things; firstly that the diet they say improves longevity doesn't sound anything like RMB and secondly that they appear to have failed to control for dog size - nearly all the dogs I see who are fed table scraps are the smaller breeds, presumably because they are cheaper to feed in this way. Why don't you see if you can get hold of the original data and adjust for dog size?

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[Niall Taylor commented.]

Niall

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Sunday, 02 May 2010 at 17:38



G'day Jon,

Thanks for thoughts.

 **Jon Bray:**

Interesting papers there - in particular the reference to the lack of side effects of feeding oxtail to beagles.

You mention side effects. All medicines potentially have side effects, but we accept that safe use and handling can limit most if not all problems. Penicillin was hailed as a wonder drug. However, it cures few and prevents no diseases yet has plenty of short and long term side effects. Fact is, raw meaty bones are the strongest, safest, most gentle medicine available. Side effects, when raw meaty bones are handled and used properly, disappear into insignificance.

By stopping junk food, we stop about 80% of the harm suffered by our pets. Raw meaty bones then become the number one medicine returning massive benefits in a range of degenerative diseases afflicting modern pets.

 **Jon Bray:**

I'll look into the availability of oxtail in the UK although I think it may still be banned.

Whilst ox tail in large pieces, ideally complete with hide, are good value, there are many other options available in the UK. <http://www.rawmeatybones.com/diet/exp-diet-guide.pdf>

 **Jon Bray:**

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Agreed. As mentioned, simply stopping the junk food provides the first and biggest benefit. Then even feeding table scraps, far removed from whole carcasses and raw meaty bones, still demonstrates a benefit.

I recommend table scraps for a variety of reasons. Once raw meaty bones comprise the bulk of the diet, it don't seem to make much difference what else you feed. And conceivably feeding the, otherwise, stomach contents of an omnivore may have some benefit.

But in this modern world where our environmental footprint must be minimized wherever possible, then feeding leftovers is an important aspect.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2010/04/100423-pet-food-water-footprint/>

 **Jon Bray:**

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Agreed, it's a most valid point.

 **Jon Bray:**

Why don't you see if you can get hold of the original data and adjust for dog size?

A number of scientific and practical issues have come into play.

- i.) Not that interested to know the benefits of table scraps when we know the clear, unmistakable benefits of rmb.
- ii.) If the table scrap info is of significant long term interest, then I believe the Lippert, Sapy work should be repeated in other places.
- iii.) For a short time I toyed with the idea of repeating the work at a pet crematorium. Think it might be something for a vet student or similar to engage in as it requires little in the way of vet skill.
- iv.) Contacting Dr Lippert proved somewhat difficult. And of course he was prosecuted for daring to publish such heretical information by the Belgian equivalent of the BVA acting in consort with the junk food makers.
- v.) Thus far, I don't have word on the outcome of that prosecution.

At this stage of the revolution, despite it being 20 years since the whistle was blown, there's masses of work to do.

Good luck,

Tom

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Dear voter,

For the fourteenth consecutive year I express my sincere thanks to the vets who supported the reform agenda for our sick profession. I thank Roger Meacock and Alan Bennet for again nominating me as spokesperson for the most important issues facing vets in the 21st century. Together we etched the unmoving benchmark still deeper. We again placed on the record the depravity of our profession.

Lest there be any doubt about the serious allegations of massive vet establishment corruption that the 380 vets endorsed, I reproduce some manifesto statements here:

- The veterinary profession, colluding with pet-food makers and so-called animal welfare groups, had falsified the records regarding preventable diseases and premature death affecting millions of pets. ([Harold Shipman](#) hid in plain sight behind falsified records too!)
- Clearly our veterinary 'educational' institutions, political structures and representatives have not helped; in fact they've done untold harm. We need a wide-ranging enquiry leading to the creation of a new Veterinary Surgeons Act. The prostitution of our profession must stop.
- Institutions and individuals should be held accountable. Veterinary students deserve a better deal. We can launch law suits against veterinary schools that perpetuate false and misleading information in support of their junk pet-food sponsors.
<http://www.rawmeatybones.com/campaign/legal-vet.php>
- Junk pet-food companies have infiltrated the highest levels of our profession. [A chief scientist for Mars and a sales manager for Hill's](#) are past presidents of the RCVS? [Another past president](#) is in receipt of junk pet-food largesse and a councillor coordinates the '[Pet Smile](#)' scam. Twelve councillors represent the vet schools — [all in receipt of junk pet-food hush-money](#).

Of the six candidates who were successful at the election, not one has shown any sympathy for or understanding of the gravity of the situation that the profession now finds itself. I hope that as they

contemplate their four year term on the RCVS Council that they examine their consciences and seek to make amends.

To the three other candidates who failed to get elected I commend you for trying. Next year, how about we make a combined, concerted effort to salvage some respect for our benighted profession?

All the best,

Tom

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