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<http://www.rawmeatybones.com/elections.php>

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Questions needing answers

So far the eight other candidates, five of whom include the current President and Members of the RCVS Council, have not seen fit to answer the questions I raised in the RCVS Forum at www.vetsurgeon.org :

[quote]'Your Comments Please

Dear Colleague,

Your comments on the raw diet question would be appreciated.

Judging by the 112 messages (and counting) on the Raw Diet forum <http://www.vetsurgeon.org/forums/> veterinarians are taking an interest in the subject.

Where the majority of auto-mechanics are conversant with how to fuel the family car, many veterinarians appear unsure about the food (fuel) requirements of the family dog.

The British Veterinary Association policy and a rebuttal may be assessed here: www.rawmeatybones.com/pol-brief.html

The November 2006, RCVS statement and a rebuttal can be found here: www.ukrmb.co.uk/showcontent.toy?contentnid=78812

Does the confusion about feeding pets concern you?

Do you believe that a committee of enquiry might help the profession to better understand and resolve the issues?

If elected, what might be your contribution?

Thank you for your consideration.' [end quote]

If they can't or won't answer basic questions, can they be trusted? Are they fit to run a so-called self-regulating profession?

If you are a vet, vet student or allied professional and want to question the candidates or raise discussion points please log on to www.vetsurgeon.org

Nearly Doctor, Already Doctrinaire: Vet students regurgitate strange dogma

Nearly Doctor Blog:

<http://www.nearlydrferox.blogging4life.com/?p=528>

<http://www.nearlydrferox.blogging4life.com/?p=536>

Nearly Doctor RMB review:

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