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Dear Chloe,

**Re: Lonsdale v RCVS – Challenge to the validity of the 2017 Council Election**  
**Final written submission**

## Introduction

No ‘ifs’, no ‘buts’, no ‘maybes’; forcing pet carnivores to survive on industrial junk falsely labelled as ‘food’ amounts to intolerable animal cruelty. That the veterinary profession, supposedly regulated by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, actively encourages the mass torture of animals represents a most disgraceful phase in veterinary history.

The RCVS demonstrates that it understands the magnitude of the allegations in its [23 November 2017 Final Submission](#), paragraph 21:

Mr Lonsdale’s submission is premised on his view that the veterinary profession as a whole is corrupt and involved in a conspiracy with pet food manufacturers to promote pet food that is injurious to animals. He contends that the RCVS has been involved in a cover up and that the RCVS’s refusal “to acknowledge and investigate what I describe as the Mass Poisoning of Pets by Vets shows that undue influence, whether by errors of omission or commission, is at the core of the RCVS modus operandi” (p.6). He invites the Challenge Committee to accept his assertions that the RCVS is either corrupt or involved in corruption and then go on to find that the RCVS’s actions during the election process were in furtherance of these corrupt objectives or in order to cover up corruption (p. 7).

I say that overwhelming evidence supports the veracity of my claims. Millions of pets are sick and millions of pet owners are fleeced by their vets by virtue of ineffectual treatments and massive over servicing when a simple change of diet\* is all that is required to make the animals well.

Unfortunately the RCVS Council and Executive is made up of University appointees and vets who have:

- i.) no understanding of the theory of carnivore feeding,
- ii.) no practical know-how and consequently
- iii.) no experience.

Their predetermined junk pet-food industry inculcated views about the supposed superiority of junk in the bag and can are truly frightening.

Prior to lodging my challenge [I asked the RCVS](#) to ensure that an unbiased, fully independent committee be formed to review my challenge. In the event the RCVS appointed a committee of insiders — typical RCVS faulty decision making writ large.

I asked the Committee to recuse themselves on the very clear evidence that they had allegiances to corrupt veterinary schools and of course allegiance to the incompetent and corrupt RCVS.

Despite the overwhelming evidence the Committee members refused to recuse themselves.

On 23 November 2017 the RCVS made its [final submission](#), drafted by a large legal firm, in defence of the allegations.

It is instructive to note that since 1992, [when first notified](#), the RCVS has done nothing to investigate the mass poisoning of pets. But when I seek to draw to the attention of the RCVS the dreadful plight of animals, the defrauding of pet owners and the defrauding of veterinary students in RCVS accredited vet schools, the RCVS rather than investigate, arranges a fighting force of expensive lawyers to defend their deplorable conduct.

## **Vets who accept my assertions**

Although the RCVS Executive and Council refuse to accept my assertions I maintain that they are on the wrong side of history.

At the 2017 RCVS Elections 496 Members of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons supported [the proposition](#):

That any vet denigrates a natural diet and simultaneously insists that pets should be fed artificial junk — junk contravening basic biological principles — beggars belief.

We have no means of knowing the identity of those 496 voters. We do know, however, the names of the three [Directors of the University of Sydney, Post Graduate Foundation in Veterinary Science](#) who have endorsed the wide ranging and general thrust of my arguments as provided in *Raw Meaty Bones: Promote Health* (Annexure to Challenge Document)

## **[Dr Michelle Cotton BVSc BScVet MVPHMgt](#)**

### **Raw Meaty Bones: The Book**

Ever since his first contribution to a *Control & Therapy* ([#3128 December 1991](#)) on the subject of feeding dogs and cats raw food I have observed the progress of Dr Tom Lonsdale with great interest.

I remember the effect on me then was comforting, encouraging and supportive. I lived and worked as a practitioner in a developing country. It was a country where man-made pet food was only sporadically available and expensive when it could be found at all. It was important to have someone out there reminding me not to feel completely helpless and, more importantly, useless.

In terms of the advice veterinarians are asked to give, advice on nutrition must be amongst the commonest of topics. As one knows, your advice comes from several sources. It can come as a result of “keeping up to date” with the latest findings on a subject, it can come from attending lectures and courses. Advice can come as a result of wide reading and access to the complete range of opinions on a subject and it can come subliminally through reading the latest journal and flipping past the advertisements.

Over the years many humans have been made to feel inadequate for failing to provide their families or pets with “the best” as decreed by myriad marketing campaigns. In this frenetic age it is so easy to fall into the trap of believing there is only ONE WAY of looking after those you love most. For one reason or another it may not always be possible for people to commit to a total reliance on commercially prepared food.

If nothing else, Tom’s philosophy has explained some very practical alternatives to this. I liked to think that many of my clients walked out of my surgery feeling better about their capacity to care for their pets after being told that dogs and cats never cooked their food until humans came along. When Tom Lonsdale came along he made me feel better too!

Tom Lonsdale has now published his book “*Raw Meaty Bones*” and consequently kept the fires of his passion for this subject burning as brightly as ever. This Don Quixote of Dog Food has kept his quest alive and now stands to enjoy the credit for having had the courage of his convictions.

If you provide nutritional advice to your clients and keep a supply of brochures and client information sheets for them then be consistent and add this book to your shelves. Making this and Dr Ian Billinghurst’s books available for clients to read alongside other nutritional fact sheets emphasises your commitment to encouraging choice and the dissemination of information. It is a wonderful opportunity to retain the reputation for scientific thought and deed in our profession.

Keep searching, keep probing, keep questioning, keep thinking, keep vigilant.  
If, for no other reason, consider reading or purchasing Tom’s book because for sure your clients will. Keep up with your clients!

The book is a scientific thriller, set out to encompass the evolution of Dr Lonsdale’s theories on animal nutrition and also to describe the reaction of the general public and the Veterinary profession to his early writings.

Michele Cotton  
Associate Director, Post Graduate Foundation in Veterinary Science  
February 2002

**Dr Douglas Bryden AM MACVSc FACVSc(hc)**

Dear Tom,

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your book and for your generous letter which accompanied it.

Your book is a testament to your wisdom and your courage, and I am reading it from cover to cover. I have learnt much already which I did not know before and I am recalling some detail from your writing which is focusing my mind in areas where I need to be better informed. I am obtaining new insights and I am sure that there will be segments I will want to read again or to use as a reference when I have finished the book.

My role in the events so far was small; however I am proud to be mentioned in your book and to have been able to be even a minor player. There is of course much still to be done, some of which will flow on naturally from your example. I would like to think that there will be many who will take up the challenge in the future.

Congratulations on the publishing of an important book which, if I may say, has some bite in it. Every graduate and undergraduate veterinarian should read the book for it has the potential to challenge the things they believe to be true, and gives them the wonderful opportunity to step back from themselves and to look more dispassionately and more deeply at the science they practise and to realise how important it is to listen carefully to others who may have a pearl of wisdom to share.

Warmest regards

Doug

Dr Douglas Bryden AM  
Veterinary Educator and Consultant  
21 August 2001

**Dr Tom Hungerford OBE, BVSc., FACVSc., HAD**

Dear Tom,

Thanks for the book - BRAVO

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.'

Congratulations on the book.

Tom Hungerford  
3 October 2001

## Recusal of the Committee

On the evidence provided by the Legal Assessor and each of the Challenge Committee members it appears that they are confused by facts, their minds made up and as such are unfit to sit in judgement on this important Challenge to the validity of the 2017 RCVS Election.

Accordingly I believe that they should, as a priority, recuse themselves and make way for fully independent, impartial members of the Committee.

## Conclusion

My [2017 RCVS Manifesto](#) called on voters to:

Cast your vote signalling your desire for a veterinary community worthy to be called a profession.

For the future, when this Challenge to the validity of the 2017 RCVS Election is behind us, we will still be faced with the task of making the veterinary community worthy to be called a profession.

The Challenge Committee, however it is constituted, has an opportunity to offset past harm and do some lasting good. The Committee can help broker peace and set up a constructive dialogue for the benefit of animals, animal owners, the veterinary profession and wider community.

In a spirit of cooperation I am ready to assist and hope for your positive response.

Yours sincerely,



Tom Lonsdale

\*A natural diet, as defined by evolution, is the most effective treatment *and preventative* for junk food induced diseases.

