Lifting the lid on the junk pet-food/veterinary alliance

432 vets voted for resolute action in RCVS Elections. 'It's time to prise the lid on the junk petfood scandal' says <u>18 times candidate in Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) elections</u> Tom Lonsdale MRCVS.

In this eighteenth year campaigning against the alliance between vets and the junk pet-food industry 432 vets — a sizeable 10% of those who voted — supported the call for dismissal of the RCVS Council and appointment of a government administrator pending the outcome of a sweeping enquiry.

In the meantime the 432 vets supported the call for: <u>Legal proceedings against prominent companies, veterinary institutions and</u> individuals in respect to breach of contract, animal cruelty, theft and deception.

Back in 1991— yes 23 years ago — the Raw Meaty Bones Lobby of concerned veterinarians <u>blew the</u> whistle on the devastating effects of junk pet food.

'We recognised that our patients' foul breath and rotten gums linked to chronic diseases affecting the immune system, heart, liver, kidneys, joints and skin. Nowadays doctors link gum disease to heart attacks, stroke, cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's.'

Even the world's biggest junk pet-food company <u>acknowledges the chronic disease crisis</u> —although conveniently obscuring the junk food genesis of most pet diseases.

Clearly the veterinary authorities have a responsibility to deal with the £multibillion scientific, economic and environmental scandal.

But they do their utmost to keep a lid on it.

'They deny the undeniable; they defend the indefensible; they are a disgrace', says Tom Lonsdale.

Meanwhile the RCVS hosts a highfalutin 'Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine' conference — without mentioning that <u>only research favourable to the junk pet-food paymasters gets to enter the veterinary evidentiary record</u>.

'You don't need armies of scientists to tell you that water is wet or that dogs and cats should be fed according to the Maker's instructions — raw meaty bones', says Tom Lonsdale.

We need a dose of common sense. The information before your eyes, up your nose and at your fingertips tells us that dogs and cats fed junk are sick and getting sicker.

Stop the junk and young animals thrive. No need for endless, expensive trips to the vet.

Owners of elderly animals exclaim: 'Like a puppy/kitten again!'

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