

RMB Newsletter Vol 4:1 Blindness, willful or unwitting, it's still blindness January 2004

Dear Reader,

Here's the first RMB Newsletter for 2004.

How were your Christmas and New Year celebrations? Have you made New Year resolutions?

On the raw feeding front we need a resolution to collectively keep going—on the road to success.

Last year more people traveled the road and their pets are happier and healthier for it.

Discussion on the rawfeeding list continued apace

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/rawfeeding/>

The rawvets discussion list gained more members

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RawVet/>

Two UK based vets, Johan Joubert and Roger Meacock, are actively campaigning for an end to the current veterinary hypocrisy. Long term, the future belongs to the young so it's gratifying to see the vet students on the rawvet list leading discussions. (One day, about a generation from now, they will be professors and deans of vet schools.)

To speed things up, if you know any vets or vet students please encourage them to join the rawvet list.

But otherwise there's always lots to do. Changing the way pets are fed will not only improve the health of pets, it will also 'give the lie' to the so-called scientific methodology practised by the pet food industry/vet profession this past 100 or so years. I believe we are on the threshold of a paradigm shift which will have seismic repercussions for vet science, medicine, dentistry and science generally.

If you get time for reading then please check out the books listed for Raw Meaty Bones seminar students

<http://www.rawmeatybones.com/suggestedreading.html>

In this issue of the RMB Newsletter I'd like to draw attention to the willful blindness and unwitting blindness affecting those in authority—and who thus impede progress.

Here's wishing you a successful, fun 2004,

Tom Lonsdale

MODERNISATION OF THE VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT 1966

The past two newsletters were devoted to the changes in the rules governing vet conduct in the UK.

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By setting up a system whereby vets have to play fair -- not just give lip-service to their slogan, 'Promoting and sustaining public confidence in veterinary medicine' -- we can expect major structural improvements.

Currently the rules say vets have to act honestly and fairly. But because vets control the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons -- and because we have a corrupt culture whereby the majority of vets encourage the poisoning of pets, even sell the poison -- then fairness and honesty are in short supply.

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons has consistently blocked the investigation of the mighty scientific and consumer fraud perpetrated by the vets, in conjunction with their pet food paymasters.

Now, it would seem, the British government is siding with the vets in the shameful exploitation of animals and people.

Many people wrote to Mr Paul McDonald, the coordinator of the Veterinary Surgeons Act Team, who is reviewing the current situation with a view to an improved set of rules.

This is the standard letter Mr McDonald sent to those registering their concerns about the widespread corruption.

LETTER FROM VETERINARY SURGEONS ACT TEAM

From: McDonald, Paul A (AHAW) [<mailto:Paul.A.McDonald@defra.gsi.gov.uk>]

Sent: 16 December 2003 14:58

To: 'Sarah.Cullen@jet.uk'

Subject: RE: Review of the Veterinary Surgeons Act

Dear Ms Cullen

Thank you for your email of 1 December, in response to the Defra consultation on the 'modernisation of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966'. Whilst I understand some of the issues you raise concerning the pet food industry, they are not relevant to the modernisation of the Act.

All I can suggest is that should you have any specific evidence of

disgraceful misconduct against any particular veterinary surgeon in the United Kingdom, and should you wish to do so, is make an official complaint through the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons disciplinary procedures (see www.rcvs.org.uk).

Should you have any specific issues you wish to raise with regard to the disciplinary procedures, the registration of veterinary surgeons, or any other points made in our consultation paper, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Paul McDonald
16 December 2003

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Seemingly the mass poisoning of animals by the majority of veterinary surgeons is of no concern to the Animal Welfare Division of the UK Government Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs.

This humbug/outrage/scandal is the more severe when one considers the first two principles of animal welfare

<http://www.daff.gov.au/content/output.cfm?ObjectID=60D8C37D-9518-4A9B-85B88251AB68FE70>

****That there is a critical relationship between animal health and animal welfare.

****That the internationally recognised ‘five freedoms’ (freedom from hunger, thirst and malnutrition; freedom from fear and distress; freedom from physical and thermal discomfort; freedom from pain, injury and disease; and freedom to express normal patterns of behaviour) provide valuable guidance in animal welfare.

If you are shocked by the indifference of Mr McDonald’s response then please let him know at Paul.A.McDonald@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Please send a copy to tom@rawmeatybones.com for possible publication in future newsletters.

‘EVIDENCE BASED VETS’

So much for bureaucratic willful blindness -- now for some (likely) unwitting blindness.

Dr **Trisha Greenhalgh** is Professor of Primary Health Care at University College London. As an expert on evidence-based human medicine she was asked to lead a workshop for vet academics at the Royal Veterinary College, University of London.

That's the school that I went to 32 years ago and which is now in the grip of the pet food monster. In the RVC 2001/2 Annual report Professor Peter Bedford is listed as the grant holder for the £103,644 Waltham Lecturer and the £90,000 Ralston Purina Lecturer – money provided by Mars and Nestle the makers of the bulk of the poison affecting the world's pets.

Chances are that Professor Greenhalgh, when speaking with the academics at the Royal Veterinary College had little knowledge of the guilty secret -- that the entire edifice of vet teaching is founded on deceptive pretence. In her article published in the British Medical Journal Professor Greenhalgh casts doubts about 'jobbing vets' but she appears to be impressed that the 'elite academics didn't miss a trick'.

You can read the article at

<http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/content/full/327/7424/1175-a?etoc?eaf?eaf>

At the foot of the article there are some Rapid Responses.

I think it would be terrific if more Rapid Responses were written explaining how the 'jobbing vets' represent the leaf and branch of the corrupt culture, but the roots of the problem start with the world's vet schools and so-called 'elite academics'.

If you need help sending in a response to the British Medical Journal please let me know tom@rawmeatybones.com. Similarly it would be good to receive copies for the archives and possible future publication.