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28th February 2005

Our ref: DL.ps.10.Raw Meaty Bones
Please quote relevant references on any response

Dear Ben

Processed Pet Foods & Natural Diets for Pets

We have been contacted by the United Kingdom Raw Meaty Bones Support & Action Group who have strong concerns about the potential effects on the health of pets especially dogs and cats, of processed pet foods.

Their contention based on the work of a Veterinary Surgeon Tom Lonsdale who has published a book and a number of articles on the topic, and on their own practical experience as owners of dogs and cats, is that a natural diet is better for the health of the animals and can help to avoid conditions such as malodorous gum disease, associated diseases of the kidneys, liver and other organs.

Linked to their concern about the predominance of processed pet food are issues about the links between the manufacturers of this food and the Veterinary profession, particularly the sponsorship by pet food manufacturing companies of Lectureships and Scholarships in Veterinary Colleges.

They are concerns that have been raised with the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, whose response is that as a regulatory body primarily concerned with upholding the Veterinary Surgeons Act of 1966, this is beyond their remit, and we understand that the UK RMB Support & Action Group is still awaiting a detailed response from the British Small Animal Veterinary Association and the British Veterinary Association.

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Please reply to:

David Lepper MP

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Clearly, this is a contentious issue, and the purpose in our writing to you is to ask what independent research your department has either carried out or commissioned or is aware of into animal nutrition, and in particular the relative benefits of the "natural" diet and processed foods.

We are aware that there is research which has been sponsored by pet food manufacturers, but certainly understand the view of the UK RMB Support Action & Group about the need for independent research.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref 211395/JF
or Parker 2005

From the Minister for Nature Conservation and Fisheries
Ben Bradshaw MP

Doc Dan.

Thank you for your letter of 7 January enclosing letters from Jackie Marriott of the UK Raw Meaty Bones Action Group, 165 West Way, Lancing, West Sussex regarding the veterinary endorsement of pet food. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

The Government took a neutral position on Early Day Motion No ³³⁵355 The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 designates the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) as the competent authority for the supervision of the veterinary profession within the UK, with responsibility for regulating their professional education and conduct.

The RCVS also act as an informed and impartial source of opinion on veterinary matters. I am aware that they have discussed this issue on a number of occasions with Tom Lonsdale, and have suggested that he submit scientific evidence, and publish such information, to support his claims. I am also aware that the matter has been discussed in the veterinary press.

The Food Standards Agency has responsibility for the regulation of animal feed via the Feeding Stuffs Regulations 2000 (as amended). I understand manufacturers are free to formulate products in accordance with the demands of their customers and nutritional requirements of the intended animals. Except in certain limited cases, such as processed animal protein which is covered by separate legislation, the Government does not have the power to instruct manufacturers to avoid the use of certain ingredients.

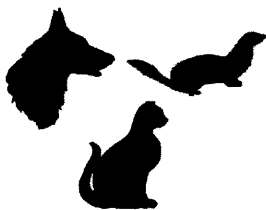
The Raw Meaty Bones Action Group responded to our recent consultation on the modernisation of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 and I am aware of their views regarding the pet food industry. Most of the issues raised by the Action Group concerning the pet food industry are not relevant to the modernisation of the Act. However, we have

noted, and will take into consideration, their views on the composition of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

With best wishes,

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15 March 2005

Your ref: 211395/JF

Dear Mr Bradshaw,

Your letter of 2 March 2005 was forwarded to us by Mr Dan Norris MP.

Please find enclosed *RMB Newsletter* Vol 5:1 dated February 2005.

You state that: 'The Government took a neutral position on Early Day Motion (EDM) No. 335'

In keeping with the opinions of leading veterinarians EDM No 335, 'applauds and recommends the work of veterinary surgeon Tom Lonsdale'. You are likely aware that Dr Lonsdale's work draws attention to widespread scientific and consumer fraud arising out of the pet food industry/veterinary profession alliance. In addition to the animal health and welfare issues he draws attention to the burdens imposed on human health, the national economy and natural environment. The work is summarised and documented with extensive references in the 2001 book *Raw Meaty Bones* with additional information at www.rawmeatybones.com

- * Please advise what steps the Government took to investigate the allegations published by Dr Lonsdale before taking a neutral position.
- * Please advise the Government's reasons for taking a neutral position on documented evidence of widespread malfeasance affecting the health, economy and environment of the British people.
- * Does the Government propose to conduct further investigations? If no further investigations are contemplated, and given the seriousness of the allegations, to whom or to what body would the Government like to refer us?

You state that: 'The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 designates the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) as the competent authority for the supervision of the veterinary profession within the UK with responsibility for regulating their professional education and conduct.'

We believe that Parliament made a serious error when it designated the RCVS as the 'competent authority'. In several respects, as set out in *Raw Meaty Bones*, the RCVS has failed and continues to fail to discharge its obligations with even a semblance of the competence expected of a regulatory authority.

You state that: The RCVS also act as an informed and impartial source of opinion on veterinary matters.

Our experience, based on documentary evidence and personal communications, is that the RCVS acts as an ill-informed, biased and unreliable source of opinion. EDM No335 called on the RCVS 'to make a definitive statement on the active endorsement and promotion of processed pet foods by vets.' To our knowledge no such definitive statement has been made. However, following publication of the EDM No335 *Dog World* asked the RCVS for comment (see *RMB Newsletter*). Subsequently the RCVS confirmed that their comments published in *Dog World* were 'based on scientific papers and evidence documented by the Pet Food Manufacturers' Association Ltd in its press release dated 17 December 2004.'

- * Please advise the basis for your belief that the RCVS are 'informed and impartial'.
- * Is it appropriate for a regulatory body, responsible for investigating complaints of cruelty and other abuses, to consult behind-the-scenes with those who are the subject of complaints?
- * What importance, if any, do you attach to a press release issued by the Pet Food Manufacturers Association following the raising of serious issues in the national Parliament?
- * Should a regulator, without carrying out a formal investigation, give comfort to and place its imprimatur upon information provided by a body that is the subject of serious complaints?

You state that: I am aware that they have discussed this issue on a number of occasions with Tom Lonsdale.

Perhaps you have been misled. Please see the *RMB Newsletter* for Dr Lonsdale's account of the limited discussion between the RCVS and himself. The RCVS have variously ignored, suppressed and denied the issues raised by Dr Lonsdale.

If you have evidence to the contrary we shall be pleased to receive it. Otherwise we respectfully request that you issue a correction.

You state that: The RCVS have suggested that he submit scientific evidence, and publish such information, to support his claims.

Your statement appears to repeat and therefore to lend credence to either false, misleading or unhelpful suggestions emanating from the RCVS. Dr Lonsdale has a long history of attempting to obtain publication of scientific evidence supporting his claims (see *RMB Newsletter*). Commencing in 2001 Dr Lonsdale repeatedly submitted *Raw Meaty Bones*, a compilation of current scientific evidence, for the usual book review in the journals of the British Veterinary Association and the British Small Animal Association. The veterinary associations refuse to even publish a book review — where, if they chose, they could attack and seek to undermine the evidence presented. (Evidence in new fields of enquiry is perforce partial and incomplete — although Dr Lonsdale's book runs to 389 pages. Scientific bodies of integrity welcome new information as an opportunity to reject or refine that information and thus advance scientific enquiry.)

- * Please advise if you believe that a whistleblower, who has already encountered considerable obstacles, should be required to fund and conduct enquiries into alleged massive scientific and consumer fraud.
- * Please advise if you consider that the RCVS had obligations to discuss in full and investigate the allegations raised by Dr Lonsdale, or whether the RCVS was entitled to use its authority to prevaricate and thus obstruct investigations of national and international significance.
- * Given the record of the RCVS do you consider that individual members of the RCVS or the RCVS as a body can be entrusted with any future enquiry?

You state that: I am also aware that the matter has been discussed in the veterinary press.

- * Please advise us in what segments of the veterinary press the discussions, to which you refer, took place.

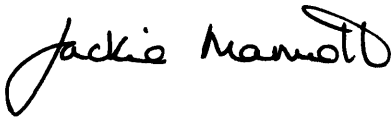
As a result of our campaigning, *Veterinary Times*, a 'free' newspaper carried what we believe to be the only published article in the veterinary press relating to the EDM No.335. To our knowledge neither the RCVS nor journals of the British Veterinary Association and the British Small Animal Association have published any news article or discussion that might inform the 21,000 UK registered vets of the issues under consideration. Vets, it would seem, either don't want or cannot be trusted to discuss these matters within the pages of their journals.

British pets, pet owners and the wider community are ill-served by the pet-food industry/veterinary alliance. As a matter of urgency we call on the Government to launch a full-scale independent enquiry into the RCVS and the wider veterinary involvement with the processed pet food industry.

Should you have any questions, we will be pleased to discuss.

Please advise.

Yours sincerely,



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Your Ref DL.ps.10.Raw Meaty Bones
Our Ref 214518/JF
22 March 2005

From the Minister for Nature Conservation and Fisheries
Ben Bradshaw MP

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 28 February about commercially produced pet food.

The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has responsibility for the regulation of animal feed via the Feeding Stuffs Regulations 2000 (as amended). I understand manufacturers are free to formulate products in accordance with the demands of their customers and nutritional requirements of the intended animals. Except in certain limited cases, such as processed animal protein which is covered by separate legislation, the Government does not have the power to instruct manufacturers to avoid the use of certain ingredients. The Government does, however, recognize the nutritional and other benefits of many commercially produced pet foods.

As you are aware, the government published a draft Animal Welfare Bill on 14 July. The Bill was included in the Queen's Speech and forms part of the Government's legislative programme. While the proposed Bill would not cover the nutritional content of pet foods, animal owners would have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of their pets, including the provision of a balanced diet. The Government does not prescribe precisely what a balanced diet should contain for each species, though we would anticipate any Code of Practice that might be produced under the Bill would include a requirement for the supply of adequate nutrition, and it might give some broad guidelines as to what this is considered to be. But, it will not be offering detailed advice, that is for other sources to provide.

The Government has no plans at this time to sponsor or commission research into the nutritional content of pet food.

With best wishes,

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From the Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer
Fred Landeg

Our Ref: VSA61

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29 April 2005

Dear Ms Marriott

Thank you for your letter of 15 March to Ben Bradshaw, Minister of Nature, Conservation and Fisheries, and your letter to the Prime Minister of the same date. As I am sure you are aware, a General Election has now been called, and a new Administration will be formed following this election on 5th May. In the meantime I am responding to your letter. You may, of course, wish to write again following the election.

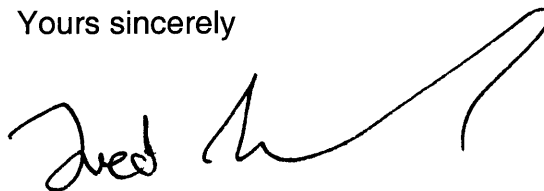
The Government took a neutral position on Early Day Motion No 355, because it considers that questions relating to the professional endorsement of processed pet food by veterinary surgeons as a matter for the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

The health and welfare of companion animals is clearly a matter of concern for the government, and this is reflected in the Animal Health and Welfare Strategy that we launched last year. The way in which the veterinary and scientific communities decide to review Dr Lonsdale's work is not a matter for the Government to intervene. We will continue to monitor the situation but have no current plans to commission our own research into the issues that Dr Lonsdale raises.

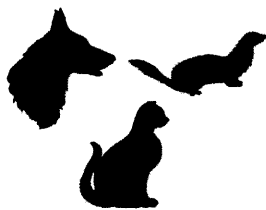
I note your reservations about the actions of the RCVS in connection with the early day motion and the wider debate of these issues. However, I do not believe it would not be appropriate for me to comment on the specific questions that you have raised other than to point out that the Veterinary Surgeons Act places no legal responsibility on the RCVS to discuss or investigate Dr Lonsdale's work.

The reference in Mr Bradshaw's letter to Mr Norris MP concerning coverage of this issue in the veterinary press related to the considerable coverage on this issue in the Veterinary Times.

Yours sincerely

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3rd May 2005

Dear Mr Bradshaw,

Please find enclosed copy of your 2 March 2005 letter to Mr Dan Norris MP, our letter of 15 March 2005 and 29 April 2005 letter from the Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer.

Please provide your considered responses to our letter of 15 March.

We raise concerns about widespread malfeasance on the part of the veterinary authorities and the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in particular. We believe that the evidence points to a scientific and consumer fraud involving serious animal cruelty and £multi-billion costs to the British people. There are significant administrative and legal implications.

Evidence needs to be fairly communicated in a secure environment. Those of us communicating the evidence need to be fairly treated and to feel safe from harm.

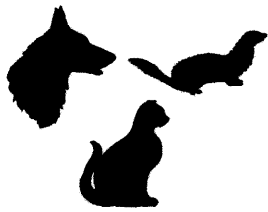
Given the nature of our claims it seems inappropriate for either the Chief Veterinary Officer, as a member of the Council of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, or his deputy to be intercepting or responding to correspondence.

Please advise.

Your sincerely,

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7th June 2005

Dear Mr Bradshaw,

Please find enclosed a copy of our letter dated 3rd May 2005 - together with the enclosures we sent with that letter.

As yet we have not been favoured with a reply.

Please may we have your response.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref PC 794
13 June 2005

From the Minister for Local Environment, Marine and Animal Welfare
Ben Bradshaw MP

Thank you for your letter of 3 May. Please also accept this as response to your letter to the Prime Minister of the same date.

During a General Election, it is entirely appropriate for Fred Landeg to reply to your letter on my behalf. I have every confidence in the ability of my veterinary advisers to provide independent and objective advice. It may be helpful if I also explain that on occasions, other Government Departments and Agencies may forward your correspondence to my Department, if they feel unable to comment on the issues you have raised.

I have no further comment to make on your letter of 15 March other than to encourage veterinary and scientific debate on the quality and safety of pet food. It is important that research in this area is properly peer reviewed and the findings published through the usual journals.

With best wishes,

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Our ref: VSA 61
September 2005

Dear Mrs Marriott,

Thank you for your letter of 2 August to the Deputy Prime Minister, expressing your concerns about the feeding of processed pet food and the veterinary profession's endorsement of processed foods which you and your action group believe damage the health of cats, dogs and ferrets. Your letter has been passed to me for reply as the Veterinary Services Team within the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has responsibility for the maintenance and modernisation of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

Your letter and attachments allege that the veterinary profession is allied to the pet food industry and that together they mislead pet owners in order to profit financially at the expense of the welfare of the animals in their care and their owners.

However there is insufficient scientific evidence to suggest that feeding processed pet food represents a significant threat to the health of pets or that a diet of raw food will not. While veterinary surgeons are expected to make clinical decisions based on the best and most reliable evidence available at the time, pet owners are still free to take the advice of a vet or not as the case may be.

Furthermore there is a large range of pet foods – including raw food and products that aid dental hygiene – available on the open market for pet owners to choose from. Pet owners are therefore free to choose a diet that will provide the most health benefits for their pet based on their own observations, their pet's individual circumstances and the many sources of dietary advice available.

Therefore the government has no plans at this time to sponsor or commission research into the effects of processed food on the health of domesticated animals.

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Our ref: 226228/CH

22 December 2005

From the Secretary of State
The Rt Hon Margaret Beckett MP

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your letter of 10 November in relation to the campaign being run by the UK Raw Meaty Bones Action Group. I am sorry for the delay in replying.

Commercially produced feedstuffs are based on extensive research, performed both 'in-house' and in collaboration with veterinary schools. Much of the research is published in peer-reviewed scientific literature. The Government has no plans at this time to sponsor or commission research into the effect that feeding different types of foodstuffs might have on the general health of domesticated animals. The Government will, however, monitor the on-going debate on this issue, which is principally for the veterinary profession and the pet food manufacturers.

Currently, a large range of pet food products – including raw food and products to aid dental hygiene - are available on the market, as well as many sources of dietary advice. Pet owners are therefore free to select a diet that will provide pets with the balanced diet needed to maintain good health and which is suitable for a particular species according to its breed, size, lifestyle, state of health and stage in life. Pet owners are also free to change and adjust their pet's diet if it is not thriving on a particular type of food.

I note that the British Veterinary Association advises that the feeding of raw meat and bones, especially small cooked sharp or splintered bones, to companion animals carries risks such as injury caused by bone fragments and infections associated with uncooked meats, for example salmonella.

Sincerely
Margaret

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Our ref: VSA 73
17 May 2006

Dear Mrs Marriott,

Thank you for your letter of 9 April to the Prime Minister, regarding your views of the veterinary profession. Your letter has been passed to me for reply as the Veterinary Services Team within the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) has responsibility for the maintenance and modernisation of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

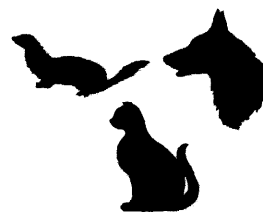
The Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 designates the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as the competent authority for the supervision of the veterinary profession within the United Kingdom. Therefore the issues you raise are for the veterinary profession to address,

Yours sincerely,

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17th May 2006

Dear Mr Miliband,

Pet-food scam

Congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. We wish you well as you tackle 'some of the biggest challenges facing the country'.

In your Blog you mention: 'The Chinese symbol for 'crisis' is in fact two symbols - one for danger and the other for opportunity.' Our campaign to expose the five facets of the pet-food fraud is replete with danger — matched by magnificent opportunity to improve the health of pets, people the national economy and natural environment.

Work Wonders, Chapters 1 and 8 provide a quick overview. *Raw Meaty Bones* provides the in-depth analysis of a massive scam. The Australian College of Veterinary Scientists nominations for Dr Lonsdale indicate the significance of the issues from a veterinary perspective. Your predecessor Margaret Becket's 22 December 2005 letter addressed to James Paice MP indicates how the pet-food industry/veterinary alliance intercepts communications at a departmental level.

On Wednesday 12 July 2006 between 5 and 7 p.m. in Room Q, Portcullis House Dr Lonsdale will deliver an illustrated talk, hosted by Mr David Lepper MP, for Members of both Houses of Parliament. We hope that you can attend the briefing.

During his stay in Britain Dr Lonsdale will be meeting with individual Members of the British and European parliaments. Might you have time to schedule a meeting with Dr Lonsdale?

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Marriott (Mrs)

Enc. *Work Wonders*

Raw Meaty Bones

Letter from Margaret Becket to James Paice MP

Nomination from Richard Malik for College Prize, Australian College of Veterinary Scientists

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27 June 2006

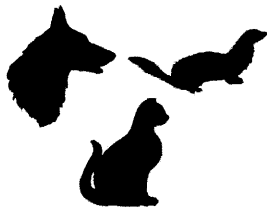
Dear Mr Marriott,

Thank you for your letter of 17 May in which you invited me to Dr Lonsdale's talk on "Raw Meaty Bones" on Wednesday 12 July. Unfortunately I am unable to attend due to prior constituency engagements. I also will not be able to take you up on your offer of meeting with Dr. Lonsdale.

Whilst there is nothing I would like to add to Margaret Beckett's letter (of 22 December 2005) at this time, I have asked my officials to continue to monitor the ongoing debate on these issues.

Yours,

DAVID MILIBAND



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10th August 2006

Dear Mr Miliband,

Following receipt of your letter dated 27th June, please find enclosed correspondence with the *Veterinary Record*, journal of the British Veterinary Association.

Your letter refers to the "ongoing debate on these issues". It appears to us that efforts to stifle the debate continue unabated, at huge cost to the lives of pet dogs and cats, and at considerable emotional and financial cost to their owners.

Your help with this matter would be appreciated.

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30th May 2006

Dear Mr Alder,

Work Wonders

Please find enclosed information paper and two copies of *Work Wonders* for review.

Tom Lonsdale's *Raw Meaty Bones* sets the standard for books exposing the junk pet food scam. Dr Douglas Bryden long time director of the Sydney University Post Graduate Foundation in Veterinary Science recommended:

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.

Dr Richard Malik, in recommending Dr Lonsdale for the College Award of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, stated:

The College Prize is awarded to veterinarians, in practice, who have made a significant contribution to knowledge and understanding, but generally without the benefit of institutional or academic support. I cannot think of a more deserving recipient for this prestigious award than Dr Tom Lonsdale. It is important to emphasise that the contribution is largely in the realm of preventative medicine, a much neglected area of research in small animal medicine.

And

Although much of his research and clinical findings have not been

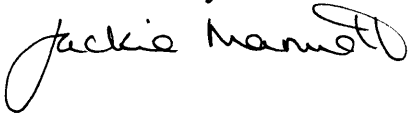
published in a traditional scientific format in peer-reviewed journals, there is no doubt that Tom Lonsdale has mounted a cogent argument that cats and dogs need regular access to a natural diet on an on-going basis for optimum periodontal and physical well being. He has provided very clear and practical recommendations on how to do this in a cost effective manner, and this information is freely available to veterinarians and the public on his website.

Work Wonders continues Dr Lonsdale's work assisting a dependent public to achieve best health, vitality and longevity for our animals. The book belongs in every veterinary clinic and library the world over. As pet owners, we shall be delighted to see a review of this book published in the pages of *The Veterinary Record*.

For further information please see www.rawmeatybones.com.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

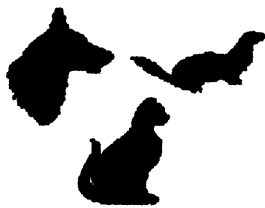
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Two copies of *Work Wonders*

Work Wonders Promotional material



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Mr Martin Alder, Editor
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10th August 2006

Dear Mr Alder,

Reviews of Raw Meaty Bones and Work Wonders

Please find enclosed copy of our letter dated 30th May 2006.

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, in their February 2006 Position paper (copy enclosed) encouraged us to seek 'scientific review' of *Raw Meaty Bones* and *Work Wonders*.

As examples of scientific reviews of Dr Lonsdale's books and articles we enclose statements by Drs Richard Malik and Douglas Bryden AM.

Please advise if and when you propose to publish a review of *Work Wonders*?

Please advise if you will reconsider your refusal to publish a review of *Raw Meaty Bones*?

Yours sincerely

Jackie Marriott (Mrs)

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8 September 2006

Dear Mrs Marriot

REVIEWS OF RAW MEATY BONES

Thank you for your letter of 10 August to David Miliband regarding the books *Raw Meaty Bones* and *Work Wonders*. I have been asked to reply.

Your letter has been read with interest and your views noted.

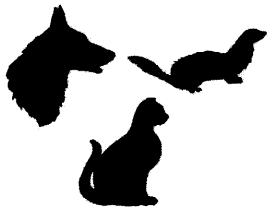
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Thank you for your comments.

Yours sincerely

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14th September 2006

Dear Mr Miliband,

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons/British Veterinary Association

Thank you for your letter of 8th September date in respect to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons/British Veterinary Association charade regarding the communication of vital information to the British veterinary profession and thus the British public.

On 5th September, in the absence of responses to our letters of 30th May and 10th August, I telephoned Mr Martin Alder, Editor of the Veterinary Record. Mr Alder confirmed that as with *Raw Meaty Bones* he would not be publishing a review of *Work Wonders*.

You will be aware that *Raw Meaty Bones* details endemic veterinary incompetence and malfeasance. Drs Malik and Bryden's testimonials (previously sent to you 17th May) confirm the gravity of the situation where registered veterinary surgeons display appalling ignorance of fundamental issues. *Work Wonders* provides easy access to information dispelling that appalling ignorance.

Please advise what you propose to do about:

- * The worsening state of pet health as a result of the forced consumption of junk pet food.
- * The worsening Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons/British Veterinary Association charade in defence of the junk pet-food industry.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Marriott (Mrs)