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Dear Gordon,

Freedom of Information

As you know, <u>since 1991</u> the Raw Meaty Bones Lobby of concerned veterinarians has been campaigning against the alleged criminality of the veterinary profession in its collusion with the junk pet-food industry. In 1992 the President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) <u>acknowledged</u> the <u>issues</u>. In 1995 Past President Henry Carter <u>wrote with rare candour</u>:

For 45 years I have observed Pedigree Petfoods (and its predecessor, Chappie Ltd) [Mars Inc.] seeking to influence veterinary students and practitioners.

For over 25 years I have observed Pedigree Petfoods [Mars Inc.] and other pet food manufacturers exerting what some may consider to be undue influence on the British Small Animal Veterinary Association.

Mostly, though, the RCVS seeks to <u>stifle debate</u>. This year <u>you exceeded</u> your own past efforts. However, when put to the vote 432 registered veterinarians supported the call for:

<u>Legal proceedings against prominent companies, veterinary institutions and individuals in respect to breach of contract, animal cruelty, theft and deception.</u>

Three main afflictions — junk food concoctions, junk food induced mouth rot and junk food induced obesity — devastate the health of pets.

Unfortunately the majority of vets — <u>brainwashed in vet schools beholden to the junk pet-food makers</u> — ignore the simple, cheap imperative:

STOP FEEDING JUNK

THEN FEED THE MOST GENTLE, SAFEST, STRONGEST MEDICINE AVAILABLE RAW MEATY BONES

Rather than respond to the chronic disease crisis*** and show leadership the RCVS, in its latest obfuscation, purports to be concerned with scientific integrity. It plans a gabfest grandly entitled:

Evidence-based Veterinary Medicine Network Conference (EBVM).

No mention of the widespread junk food afflictions of pets; no mention that veterinary teaching has been subverted and corrupted by the junk pet-food companies. Instead the program is replete with junk pet-food sympathisers promoting concepts likely to obscure and add to rather than simplify the growing crisis.

Please help us to understand the nature of the RCVS involvement in the <u>Conference</u>. Please supply *all correspondence and contractual obligations* between the RCVS and its affiliates and those Conference participants listed below:

Critic of natural feeding: Dr Brennen McKenzie

Employee of Mars Inc. the world's largest junk pet-food maker: Dr Sandi Lefebvre

Sponsor of the Conference and promoters of Hill's junk pet food: Medivet

With thanks,

Best wishes,

*** Mars Inc., the world's largest junk pet-food maker, is also the world's biggest supplier of veterinary services. Mars reports an upsurge in chronic diseases affecting patients in its 800 companyowned vet hospitals.

Is Mars junk pet food the common denominator in the massive suffering, economic and environmental loss affecting a majority of the world's pets, their owners and the wider community?

Will the RCVS EBVM experts investigate and let us know?

