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The Returning Officer
The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons
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Dear Returning Officer,

As a candidate in the 2017 Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Elections and pursuant to *RCVS Council Election Scheme 1967*, as amended in 2006 I wish to challenge the validity of the election as per Clause 24 - (1).

Please advise the timetable for submissions.

Please refer the matter to a fully independent and impartial Challenge Committee.

Please note that since 1991 I have been vocal in the public domain in my belief that the poisoning of pets (impairing health or occasioning premature death) by the junk pet-food industry in collusion with the veterinary profession represents unconscionable animal cruelty. The sale of harmful products, portrayed by most vets as being beneficial for animal health and welfare, is in my opinion a fraudulent activity and a criminal offence.

I have levelled my allegations against the British veterinary schools, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the British Veterinary Association and the British Small Animal Veterinary Association. Accordingly, and for the removal of any apprehension of bias whether actual or perceived, I believe that no member of those universities or organisations should sit on the Challenge Committee.

Please accept this letter as my duly signed challenge.

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Yours faithfully,

Tom Lonsdale

