

Candidate answers to questions from the profession

What do you believe is the single most important challenge for the profession in the next decade and what skills and experience will you contribute to Council to assist in resolving this problem?

No doubt the single most important challenge—the junk pet food industry/vet alliance—remains the same as in 1992 when the then [President of the RCVS thanked me](#) for my paper '[Pandemic of Periodontal Disease: A malodorous condition](#)' which he would 'draw to the attention of members of the College'. EXCEPT NOWADAYS THE CHALLENGE IS MADE MANY TIMES WORSE by 32 years of active suppression and neglect. The current RCVS Communications (obstruction) Department refuses to deliver *Multi-Billion-Dollar Pet Food Fraud* and supporting correspondence to members of RCVS Council. (Correspondence on file.)

The negligence and corruption have three main strands:

- Widespread animal cruelty affecting every carnivorous pet forced to consume artificial junk.
- Massive consumer fraud arising from sale of harmful products and wanton exploitation of the resultant ill-health and suffering for commercial gain.
- Suppression of vital new scientific information free from the dead hand of the junk pet food/vet criminal conspiracy.

Having [first identified the issues in a 1991 paper](#), I have researched, written and campaigned on this and only this subject ever since. You can find much information at [my website](#) and in the Raw Meaty Bones Trilogy, *Raw Meaty Bones, Work Wonders and Multi-Billion-Dollar Pet Food Fraud*. ([Winner: Dog Writers Association of America, Best Reference Book and Book of the Year.](#))

Whether or not elected to Council, I suggest that the RCVS and every veterinary school has an opportunity to reach out to me and thus make full use of my skills and experience.

How would you describe good governance and what does good governance look like for the RCVS Council over the next five years?

As per the RCVS mission statement good governance requires that the following be sincere and true:

We aim to enhance society through improved animal health and welfare. We do this by setting, upholding and advancing the educational, ethical and clinical standards of veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses.

However, I believe that '[regulatory capture](#)' renders the RCVS Council insincere and unfit for purpose. I believe that the RCVS has failed abysmally and under its present configuration is bound to fail such that in my [2015 RCVS Election manifesto](#) I wrote:

[In previous years](#) I've called for a full parliamentary inquiry. Now I believe that the RCVS Council should be dismissed and an administrator appointed pending the outcome of that inquiry. I recommend that there be legal proceedings against prominent companies, veterinary institutions and individuals in respect to breach of contract, animal cruelty, theft and deception.

Good governance for the next five years and all future years remains as it was in 2015. Accordingly, I request that all eligible people sign and share the petition:

['Inquiry into the pet food industry and its relationship with the vet profession.'](#)

When we know the full range and gravity of the problems, we shall then gain a better idea of how to tackle those problems. Thank you for your consideration.