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Ms Virginia Fisher
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The Royal Veterinary College
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1st September 2005

Dear Ms Fisher,

Freedom of Information Request: Mrs L V Hill MRCVS

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act please provide the following information in respect to Mrs L V Hill MRCVS:

All professional and character references in respect to Mrs Hill's application for employment at the Royal Veterinary College.

Current terms of employment including job title and description.

Subject matter taught and examination questions set from the past two academic years.

All correspondence between Mrs Hill and any processed pet food company or companies from 1998 to the present.

Details of any grants or sponsorships administered by Mrs Hill.

Names of academic staff, answerable to Mrs Hill, together with their research interests.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Marriott (Mrs)
for UKRMB

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THE ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE
UNIVERSITY OF LONDON

16th September 2005

Dear Mrs Marriott

I am writing in response to your letter dated 1st September 2005 in which you have made a request for third party data under the provisions of the Freedom of Information act. We are unable to disclose any information relating to point 1 and 2 as this is classed as personal information and would breach the data protection principle of processing information fairly and lawfully.

With regard to point 4 we believe this is a vexatious request as it does not appear to have any serious purpose or value and will therefore not disclose any information.

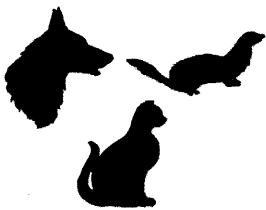
We also believe that point 5 is exempt from the freedom of information act as disclosure of the information would prejudice the effective conduct of public affairs.

With reference to point 6 I can confirm that Ms Hill does not have any academic staff that are directly answerable to her.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Mitchell'.

Mr Peter Mitchell
Human Resources Manager



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Professor Quintin McKellar
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13th October 2005

Dear Professor McKellar,

Freedom of Information Request: Mrs L V Hill MRCVS

Please find enclosed copy of our letter of 1st September 2005, Royal Veterinary College (RVC) reply of 16th September and 7 December 2004 Early Day Motion No335, Processed Pet Foods and Vets.

You will be aware of the public disquiet at the veterinary profession's involvement with the processed pet-food industry and that Mrs L V Hill, prior to taking up a senior position at the RVC, was a senior executive for a pet-food company. Mrs Hill is currently President of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, the body responsible, under the terms of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, for regulating the veterinary profession in the United Kingdom.

We believe that, in the public interest, it is incumbent upon the RVC to respond to our enquiries with full, honest and transparent disclosure. Please provide comprehensive answers to the questions raised in our 1st September letter.

Please advise the purpose and intent of the directive 'Private and Confidential' appearing on the RVC letter of 16th September 2005.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Marriott (Mrs)
UKRMB

7 November, 2005



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Mrs J Marriott
UKRMB
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Dear Mrs Marriott

Thank you for your letter dated 13 October, 2005.

You have already received a response to your enquiry of 1 September, and there is nothing to add to our response of 16 September, 2005.

Your point about our letter of 16 September, 2005 being marked 'Private and Confidential' is a Human Resources Department convention, where a named individual is referred to in the letter.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Acaster