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22nd January 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

**FOI enquiry: Processed pet food companies**

In respect to all processed pet food companies with which Bristol Veterinary School/Faculty is associated whether in a scientific, social, educational or research capacity please supply:

- \* current contracts and memoranda of agreements.
- \* correspondence between the school/faculty and its employees and pet food companies in respect to all matters for the 2006 calendar year.

In particular we are interested to learn details of any grants, sponsorships, guest lecturer appointments, field excursions to pet food factories/laboratories, scholarships and bursaries for veterinary students and the supply of pet food, text books and teaching aids.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours faithfully

Jackie Marriott (Mrs)



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14 February 2007

Dear Mrs Marriott

Thank you for your letter dated 22 January 2007 requesting information about processed pet food companies. I write to advise you that it will take more than two and a half days' work to process the initial part of your request. The University is not therefore obliged to provide you with the information you requested therein.

However, I am able to provide you with the information requested in the final paragraph of your letter, although I have to say that little has changed from my letter to you of 7 June 2005. The current situation is at Annex A.

If you are not satisfied with the University's response to your request you may ask the University to review it. If you wish to do this, please write to the Information Rights Manager, University of Bristol, Senate House, Tyndall Avenue, Bristol BS8 1TH, enclosing a copy of your original request and explaining your complaint. Please include an address for correspondence. The full complaints procedure is set down at <http://www.bris.ac.uk/foi/publicinfo/review.html>.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Read".

**P W C READ**

Enc: Annex A

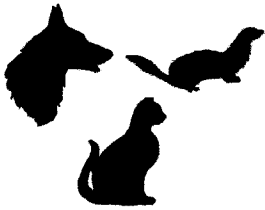
**Hill's Pet Nutrition:**

- Sponsor a clinician within our Small Animal Practice, and a veterinary nurse in Small Animal Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine.
- Provide one lecture on nutrition to our Veterinary and Veterinary Nursing students and address our veterinary undergraduates regarding practice management and communications on three occasions throughout the five year course.
- Provide food to our charity, The Langford Trust for Animal Health and Welfare, which is sold on at commercial rates to our staff and students.

**Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition:**

- We have a BBSRC CASE funded postgraduate student who is studying Comparisons of social and physical enrichments for kennelled dogs. The co-operating body is the Waltham Centre for Pet Nutrition.

You can find more details about BBSRC CASE studentships at [www.bbsrc.ac.uk](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk)



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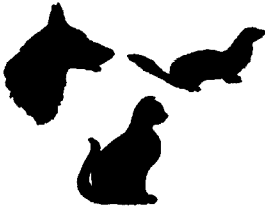
**FOI enquiry: Processed pet food companies**

For your records, please find enclosed copies of our letter dated 22nd January, letter and Annex from School of Clinical Veterinary Science dated 14th February and our letter of 22nd February .

With thanks.

Yours faithfully,

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22nd February 2007

Dear Mr Read,

**FOI enquiry: Processed pet food companies**

Thank you for your letter of 14th February 2007.

We note your estimate of more than two and a half days to process the first part of our enquiry.

Please advise the time required to provide current contracts and memoranda of agreements in respect to each of the four items (bullet points) mentioned in your Annex A of 14th February 2007.

Thanking you for your early assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Marriott (Mrs)

Cc: Information Rights Manager, University of Bristol



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Dear Mrs Marriott

### **Freedom of Information Request**

I am writing in response to your letter of 22 February to Peter Read, Senior School Administrator in the School of Clinical Veterinary Science, requesting further information in relation to the following:

- (a) Agreements with Hill's Pet Nutrition to sponsor a clinician within the Small Animal Practice and a veterinary nurse in Small Animal Intensive Care and Emergency Medicine

The University is not obliged to provide you with the information requested as it is considered that disclosure of this information would be prejudicial to the commercial interests of both the University and Hill's for the purposes of section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and that there is no overriding public interest in providing this information. Furthermore, Hill's has declined to allow us to release any part of this information.

- (b) Agreement with Hill's to provide one lecture on nutrition to Veterinary Nursing students and to address veterinary undergraduates three times during the five-year course

See (a) above.

- (c) Supply of pet food to The Langford Trust for Animal Health and Welfare

This is a long-standing ad hoc arrangement that has continued for the past ten years or more. There is no contract or memorandum of agreement in relation to this arrangement.

- (d) BBSRC CASE funded postgraduate student

Application for information concerning this matter should be made to BBRSC.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue Paterson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue Paterson  
**Information Rights Manager**

Cc: Peter Read, School of Clinical Veterinary Science