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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 Cambridge 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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Secretariat

Ref: FOI/2007/03
Dear Mrs Marriot

19 February 2007

Further to your request for information, it was received on 24 January 2007 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for:

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

- current contracts and memoranda of agreements (1)
- correspondence between the school/faculty and its employees and pet food companies in respect to all matters for the 2006 calendar year (2)
- 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.” (3)

I have numbered each request (1) – (3) and the corresponding answers are below.

With respect to (1), as required by section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I can confirm that the University holds information of the type requested by you. However, this information is governed by confidentiality agreements and is therefore exempt under section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Information provided in confidence).

With respect to (2), I have asked the Veterinary School and they have confirmed that they hold correspondence from 2006 related to the information under (1), i.e. this correspondence is covered by confidentiality agreements. All other correspondence from 2006 held by the School is enclosed.

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With respect to (3), other than the information related to (1) which is confidential there are no other contracts or memoranda of agreements between the Veterinary School and pet food companies.

If you have a complaint or comment please write to the Administrative Secretary, The Old Schools, Cambridge, CB2 1TN. If you are not satisfied with the response, any person may apply, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to the Information Commissioner for a decision whether, in any specified respect, a request for information made by that person to a public authority has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of Part I of the Act.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "I. D. Troupe". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

I. D Troupe

E-mail correspondence with a pet food company - 2006

Thats fine- unfortunately due to commitments both personally and with work , and also with trying to fit it in before end of term, we dont have many other options. Let`s hope for the best but I do understand if turn out is poor. Thanks for letting me know.

30/01/2006 16:01

Subject Re: Nutrition Day

March 11th is fine but a number of fifth year have opted to go to Crufts that day. I am not sure at this moment how many that might take out , but it would be a maximum of 20 and probably less.

We`ve been able to clarify now and it appears we were deliberately switching the Nutrition day from the 4th to the 5 th year to more closely match their clinical rotations. So if we do 5th year this time, no-one will have missed any - so in effect we only need to do the one class this year (making it easier to fit in the lecture theatre) . Looking at their term curriculum , we were hoping to do it on the Saturday 11th March.
Would this be okay with you ?

30/01/2006 10:00

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Our largest lecture theatre can take about 100, so not quite two years worth. If they had to 'register' I dont think you would get a full turn out, so it probably can be done!

Thats great thanks- I actually met a Cambridge student at the AVS congress on Saturday (who was the AVS student rep for the 6 th year) and she came to me to say that they would like to have the day also - as they missed it last year - which is true- we just didnt get it together) So it might mean two years doing it together if we have enough room in the lecture theatre - would that be okay with you? She said that she would be quite happy to organise her year for it.

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A saturday morning would be best for the Nutrition Day. I don't have the name of our Hills Student Rep, but presumably you have a record of their contact details. They certainly should be the one to contact for organising the event. I am naturally happy for the day to go ahead.

Hope things are going well with you.

I thought I would get in touch as things are starting to get quite busy here with organising student nutrition days across the universities. If you remember , we normally would have done this day for the 5th years on a Saturday with a day of nutrition lectures and give them lab coats and books and stuff.

Would it be okay to go ahead with this day this year? . We do have a student rep appointed at Cambridge , so they could help with the organising if you were happy with it?