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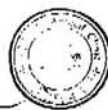
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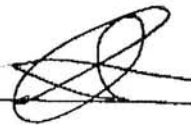
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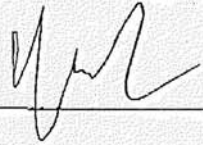
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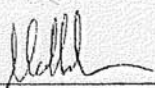
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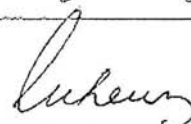
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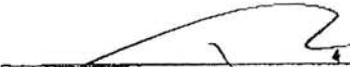
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Date: 2014/11/07 09:41 AM
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From: The Secretary for the Environment and Natural Resources

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Re: *Ministry of Transport Proposals (Amendment) Bill*

As requested for your comments as follows:

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3) The extension of the practicing requirements by election among the profession to members of the Board of the Veterinary Profession

4) The extension of the scope of the Board to 13 members (6 appointed members, 6 elected members, 1 member representing the public)

HUGH STANLEY

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Name of Veterinarian: Yu Shing Hong

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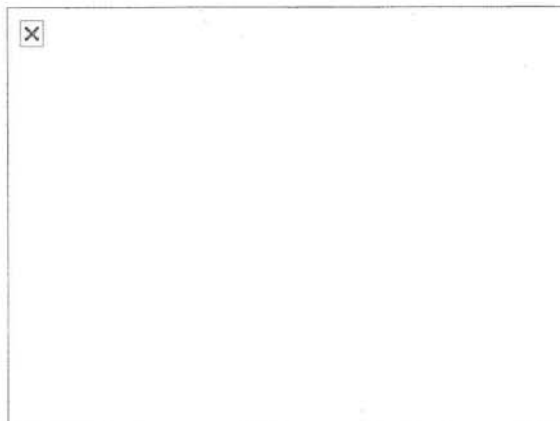
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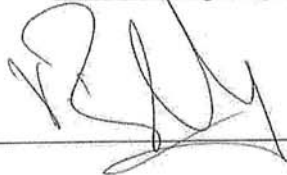
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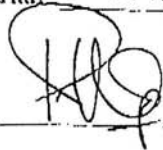
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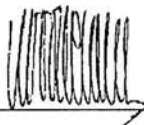
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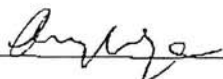
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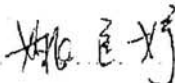
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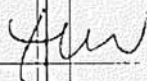
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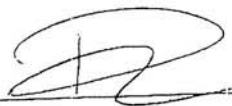
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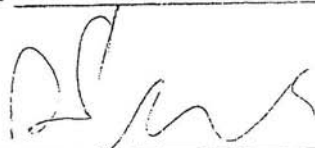
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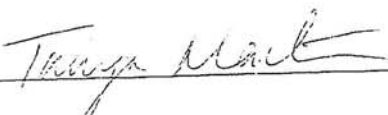
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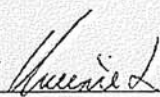

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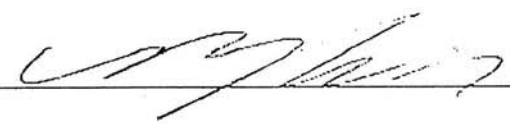
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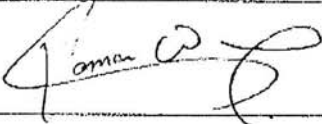
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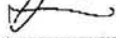
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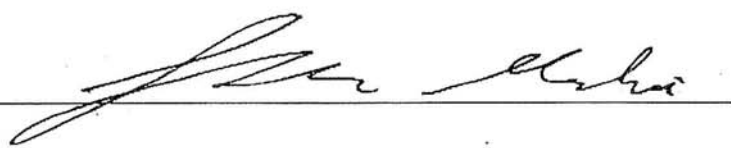
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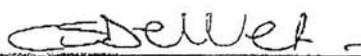
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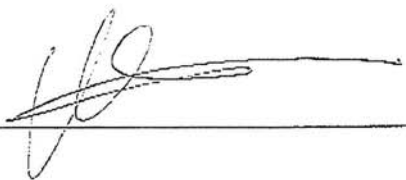
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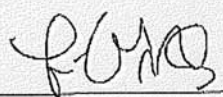
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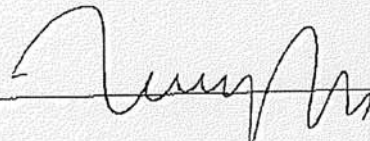
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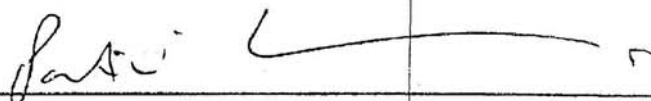
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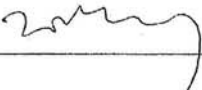
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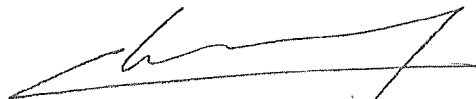
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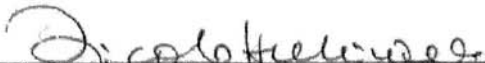
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To: "bc_151_14@legco.gov.hk" <bc_151_14@legco.gov.hk>

Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 10:59AM
Subject: proposed amendment to Vet. Surgeons Bill 2014

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I Dr. Gregory John Wright , veterinary surgeon, VSB practising certificate number [REDACTED], will not be able to attend the meeting on 17 Nov.2014 due to work commitments.

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Please find attached copy of my reply slip!

Yours Faithfully,
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Attachments:

VSB amendment.pdf

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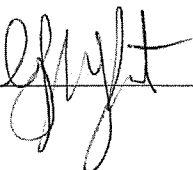
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To: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

SUBJECT:

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Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014

(LEGCO Reference: LS77/13-14)

Considering that

1. Having served at the Veterinary Surgeons Board as Member and Chairman of the VSB Registration Committee over a period of 6 years with extensive involvement in a number of disciplinary hearings, I support the proposal by VSB to expand the VSB membership by adding three lay persons and six veterinary surgeons to the board so as to broaden the representation of the VSB and to enhance its capacity and efficiency in dealing with complaints and performing its statutory functions.
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Recommending that

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DR KENNETH LAM, BSc(Hons.), BVetMed, PhD, CertVA, MRCVS

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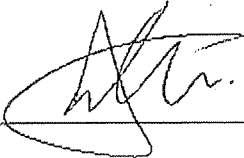
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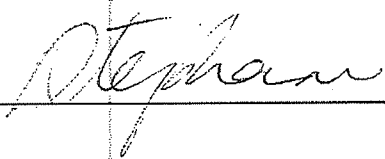
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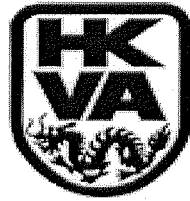
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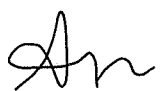
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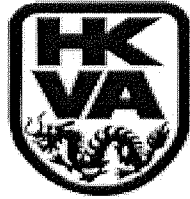
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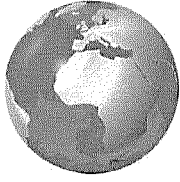
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Dear Miss Kwok

Written Submission Regarding Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014

Global Vet & Co Ltd fully supports the proposals to amend the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529) as outlined in the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill (“The Bill”) 2014. We recognise it as an important step forward in improving the Veterinary Surgeons Board’s capacity and efficiency in handling its responsibilities.

The veterinary profession in Hong Kong has undergone major changes since the formation of the Veterinary Surgeons Board (VSB) in 1997. There are now 606 practising veterinary surgeons and over 150 companion animal clinics. This coupled with advancements in veterinary science and increased awareness and high expectations of the pet owning public has resulted in a rise in the number of complaints to the VSB. Unfortunately the structure of the VSB has not kept up with these developments and protracted delays in complaint handling has caused dissatisfaction on both sides (complainant and defending veterinary surgeon).

Veterinary surgeons have experienced waits of over two years before finding out the complaint against them has been dropped. This is incredibly stressful for the individual concerned, but even worse those which end up at a disciplinary inquiry can take over 5 years to reach the hearing stage by which time memories of the issue are often vague to say the least. This is also not acceptable to complainants who obviously expect the VSB to act in an expedient and professional manner.

Under the current VSB structure the number of available preliminary investigation committees

(PIC) and disciplinary committees (DC) are woefully insufficient to deal with the high demand.

In addition the formulation of the board with appointed members only has resulted in lack of transparency and respect from the veterinary profession (it should be noted there is no explanation or criteria in the public domain to explain the selection process). By including members directly elected by the profession in a fair and open manner this would increase trust and improve the relationship between the VSB and local veterinary surgeons.

It should be noted the ratio of veterinary surgeons to non-veterinary surgeons at 2:1 is well within the remits of comparative jurisdictions such as Australia where the ratio is generally greater than 2:1 and the United Kingdom where currently the ratio is 4.25:1 (in no jurisdiction is the ratio 1:1).

When one reviews comparable boards world-wide, lay-persons are present to ensure transparency and to ensure that public needs are met from their perspective. Veterinary issues pertaining to the way the profession is run such as ethics and acceptable standards of treatment can only be judged by those with suitable training and knowledge (especially with regard to the complex nature of the complaints). Veterinary surgeons undergo at least 5 years of university training (not including post-graduate training) and are sworn by oath on qualifying to uphold their profession and act in the best interests of animal welfare. They are best placed to regulate their profession with oversight from non-veterinary members.

Finally, whilst supporting the proposals in principle (with reference to increasing the board size to 19 members (including a chairperson), direct elections of six veterinary surgeons from the profession, appointing a panel of assessors and increasing the composition of the PIC from two to three people (including two veterinary surgeons) we would like to make the following recommendations for consideration. We feel incorporation of these points would further enhance the functioning of the board with regard to dealing with complaints and performing its statutory duties:

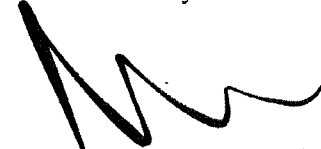
1. We agree the number of persons sitting on the Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) should be expanded to three persons (from two). A further refinement would be of the two veterinary surgeons on the PIC that at least one is from clinical practice (preferably in a field relevant to the case). This is important as the majority of complaints brought before the board are those involving clinical practice and as such it is vital at least one member of the PIC have in-depth knowledge of the field in which the complaint is being judged.
2. With the increase to three members the PIC should be empowered to make a decision based on a majority vote and not on a consensus of opinion.
3. The Chairman of the Veterinary Surgeons Board should be selected by a method agreed to by the board itself. This might mean being appointed by the Secretary for Food and Health or by another method such as direct election by board members. Long-term it is also recommended the Chairman be a veterinary surgeon as in other comparable jurisdictions.

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5. Consideration to performance pledges from the VSB regarding time frames for complaint handling, registration of veterinary surgeons and replies to questions asked by registered veterinary surgeons related to professional matters (for instance on ethical veterinary dilemmas). Likewise with regard to veterinary surgeons answering queries on complaints and providing information to the VSB, these should also be done in a timely manner.
6. Ensuring there are enough administrative staff employed by the board to handle all aspects in a timely and efficient manner. An increase in board members, PICs and DCs will require increased manpower and activity on the administration front.
7. For complaints presented in Chinese the VSB should be responsible for translation of the documents to English (and vice versa) so the complaint can be consistently reviewed and processed by all concerned regardless of whether their first language is Chinese or English.
8. Consideration not only to registration of veterinary surgeons but to a licensing system of veterinary clinics to control standards and increase public confidence in the VSB and the veterinary profession.

Increasing the number of members on the board, increasing PICs and DCs together with appointing a group of assessors is a very positive step forward in improving the situation for both veterinary surgeons and pet owners in Hong Kong. We applaud the government's efforts in improving the current legislation and hope further refinements to the proposed amendments which we have mentioned above will be considered either now or in the future.

If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me on my direct line [REDACTED] or via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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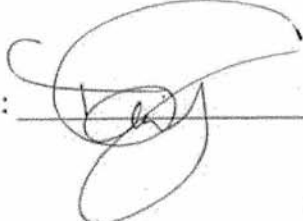
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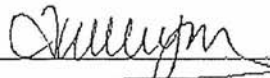
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To the members of the committee,

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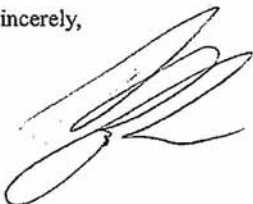
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The solutions lie in expanding the board to include more practising veterinarians who can sensibly and rapidly input on the issues facing the board routinely. To such veterinarians, a complaint can generally be understood easily and rapidly, they know when to ask for more information and what to ask for, and are able to identify if genuine misconduct has occurred. Similarly, in reviewing, amending or adding codes of conduct, people from within the profession are best suited to achieve this correctly.

I thank the committee for their time in reviewing my submission.

Yours sincerely,



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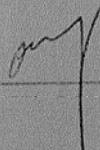
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Comment: We support the amendment above and go against with the appointment of animal welfare group into the committee as there will be conflict of interest to the vets that have dealt with their animals.

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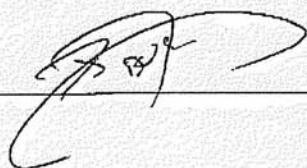
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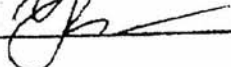
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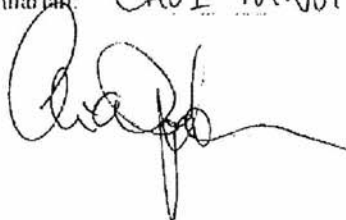
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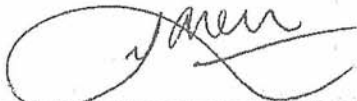
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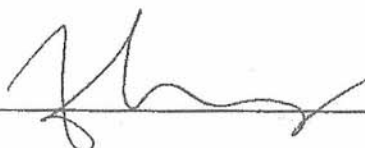
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

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VETERINARY SURGEON'S BOARD AMMENDMENTS

The Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529) which governs the registration of and complaint handling against veterinarians is currently being reviewed by Legco. The review is considered necessary owing to both the increase in the number of complaints against veterinary surgeons and their complexity.

For further details of the Bill and relevant information please visit the following sites:

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/general/english/legco/calendar.htm#20141117>

<http://www.legco.gov.hk/yr14-15/english/bc/bc151-general/bc151.htm>

Introduction of the Bill to the Legislative Council was on 9 July 2014. A Bill's Committee was formed and first met on 20 October 2014. Members of the Committee considered that **more lay persons, including representatives from animal welfare groups in Hong Kong**, should be appointed to the Board to represent the interests of users of veterinary services, they are suggesting a ratio of vets to non-vets of 1:1 rather than the existing ratio of 2:1.

The Bill's Committee has decided that a meeting with deputations and the Administration is to be held on 17 November 2014, at 10:45am to 12:24pm. Public is invited to join by calling 3919 3399 to reserve a seat for this open meeting.

The HKVA will submit a written and oral submission supporting the proposed legislation on: (1) the 2:1 ratio of vets to non-vets, (2) election of 6 vets from the profession and (3) the 2 vets and 1 non-vet makeup of the PIC. **We strongly encourage individuals to submit either a written submission to Legco or an oral and written submission at the meeting. A template for the written submission is enclosed for your reference.**

Please note that submissions must be in by tomorrow Friday 8th November. The reply slip can be found at the following address http://www.legco.gov.hk/general/english/sec/invite_s/bc15120141117-reply-e.pdf

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10th November 2014

Attention: Clerk to Bills Committee:
Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014
Legislative Council Secretariat
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Hong Kong

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Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill

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5. The Chairman should be elected by the board members (appointed and elected) from amongst themselves. If an appointment mechanism is retained then this appointment should be made from within the veterinary profession itself in line with other comparable jurisdictions.

6. The remit of the VSB should be expanded (and legislation amended accordingly) so that it can assist with the broader regulation and oversight of veterinary medicine in Hong Kong including veterinary para-professionals and related matters such as clinic registration and regulation.

Yours faithfully,

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Re: Legco consultation on VSB-amendments

As one of the many Vets, who has undergone a VSB hearing, I would like to comment on my experience and make some suggestions to improve the current situation.

In my personal opinion the VSB hearings lack objectivity and are handled in an unprofessional manner, the staff in charge wielding powers way above their moral and legal capabilities. Huge amounts of money are wasted on lawyers, expert witnesses, secretaries and translators. Not only is the budget accorded to this institution a misappropriation of tax-monies, but this kind of unfair justice leaves a very poor picture of the Hong Kong judiciary system. It allows for unfair treatment of the Vets concerned, way below international standards and practically without chance of revision. An institution that should serve the public interest has been turned into an instrument of personal vendetta, handing out random punishments to the Vet profession without correct and logical legal basis.

This sorry state of affairs can never achieve an improvement for all parties involved, least of all for the pets. Besides, the worst problem in my eyes lies on a completely different level: The VSB does nothing and probably can't do anything to tackle the underlying problem of the Hong Kong pet-business. The most important cause of pet-suffering is completely overlooked by the government. Clearly the whole VSB-operation is not in the interest of the animals involved, as still to this day very poor and appalling substandard breeding-practices prevail in Hong Kong. For many unscrupulous 'dog-farmers' breeding just means quick money. This results in pets with a huge percentage of genetically transmitted diseases that condemn these animals to a handicapped life. Pets in Hong Kong are suffering from numerous diseases that could be avoided through proper breeding guidelines, yet no controls are in place in this regard.

On the next level Pet-shop owners and staff, whose knowledge and handling of pets leaves much to be desired, contribute to the current situation. Grey imports from

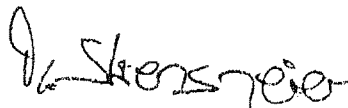
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China still happen, puppies with Distemper or Parvo-virus are still being sold, puppies are not vaccinated, under-nourished, afflicted by parasites and skin infections, some transmissible to their new owners. All this happens continuously and undisturbed in the name of profit - no call for animal protection here.

But worst of all is the incredible fact, unknown to the public, that in Hong Kong tens of thousands of abandoned stray-pets are put to death every year by the AFCD and SPCA. This fact alone makes all the VSB-efforts look pretentious at best. And the culprit here is the public at large, consumers buying cute little puppies and kittens on the spur of the moment, only to abandon them as soon as they become inconvenient. To this day the VSB, operating on a large and comfortable budget, is contributing very little if anything to the improvement of this deplorable situation. And on the other hand the VSB is using the wrong means to improve the standard of Veterinary practice in Hong Kong. To facilitate and encourage continued professional development in the Veterinary profession it would certainly be preferable to dedicate part of the allocated budget to these events. University facilities could be expanded to accommodate a continuous program of post-graduate education, comprising practical courses in imaging and other diagnostic facilities, new surgical procedures, lab techniques etc. This would serve the Vet profession and therefor benefit the public. Events organized by the HKVA are limited in frequency and subjects. They don't comprise longer courses, necessary to acquire new skills. These courses are offered only overseas at huge cost. Rather than establishing a new Veterinary faculty in Hong Kong, where the current market for Vets is already saturated, means and efforts would be better directed into improving professional standards and into educational purposes for the public including campaigns for responsible pet-ownership, as well as improved breeder and Pet-shop control. These activities would involve all interested parties, especially those most concerned: the pets that have no voice to tell their story.

Hopefully these short reflections can contribute a little to an improvement of the current situation, which would be in the interest of all Hong Kong citizens and their pets.

Sincerely,



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Written Representation to the Bills Committee on the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Bill 2014

I strongly support Amendment to the Bill as the current set up of the VSB is grossly inadequate for the needs of the Hong Kong Community, both for the Veterinary Surgeons and the public. We need change to uphold and improve the standards of veterinary medicine within Hong Kong .

I am a British Veterinary Surgeon and have been working in Hong Kong since 1990, firstly with the RSPCA and now with my own clinic, with work for AFCD, Kadoorie Farm and Ocean Park on the way. I had the honour of serving six years on the Veterinary Surgeons Board from 2007-2013 and sat on many disciplinary enquiries into complaints, and so have a good understanding of the current problems.

The six years I served on the Board and its committees were demanding, time consuming and difficult, and of course unpaid. I served because it was the right thing to do and I hoped to help improve the standard of veterinary medicine in Hong Kong and to improve the deeply flawed complaints procedures (especially with the time it takes between complaint and enquiry – a colleague and friend is currently stands accused of an incident in April 2010. His enquiry may take place in September 2015. This is unfair to all concerned and extremely stressful as it is his professional future under question.)

It is absolutely necessary to expand the membership of the Board to speed and improve the handling of complaints, and it is vital this is done with an understanding of these. These complaints are almost entirely about the veterinary surgeons "in practice" treating the pets in clinic and hospitals.

In order to judge vets properly one must understand how Hong Kong practice runs, and current international small animal veterinary standards. When I was on the Board there were only two practitioners (myself and Dr Olivia Chan) and this was not adequate (other veterinary surgeons on the board worked for the Jockey Club, AFCD and Universities and therefore did not hold appropriate knowledge for all cases)

All veterinary surgeons that I have worked with through the VSB and the Hong Kong Veterinary Association (HKVA) have a strong desire to improve the standards of Veterinary Medicine within Hong Kong, (rather than a desire to protect other vets). Generally vets are highly professional, and care strongly about animal welfare.

It is true that there are some substandard vets in Hong Kong – however these people do not usually volunteer for unpaid positions to help improve the Profession and society.

In summary I feel the VSB needs to include a significant number of vets in practice as they are best able placed to understand the complaints and to make informed judgments on the actions of their peers. This is true for both the PIC and for the disciplinary enquiries – it should be mandatory that each of these should have a minimum of one vet currently in practice.

It is vitally important that lay people, Animal Welfare organisations and other medical fields be represented, but a majority of lay people is unnecessary – they cannot fully understand the complexities of the medical complaints cases that are presented.

I believe 18 is a good number for the VSB, as too big becomes unwieldy. Approximate ratios around

1/3 vets in practice

1/3 vets in Animal welfare, Government, Jockey Club, Universities etc

1/3 consumer advocates, medical personnel, other interested parties

A proportion should be elected which I believe should be as large as possible. The British system is entirely elected and leads to a transparent and professional organization that does not over protect vets but investigates complaints fairly and holds animal welfare paramount.

Thank you for your time

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5 November 2014

Dear Sirs,

Bills Committee on Veterinary Surgeons Registration Cap 529 (Amendment) Bill 2014

We commend the Legislative Council on their willingness to receive submissions to improve the manner in which the veterinary profession is managed in Hong Kong.

It is our submission there are at least three prerequisites for a fair composition of a veterinary board:

1. That the members and staff must understand the profession they oversee;
2. That the people on the board are willing to put in the effort required to raise the standards of the profession;
3. And that the people running the board are willing to negotiate in good faith with all the stakeholders.

It is our submission the majority of the Board members ought to be veterinarians who understand the profession. The need for increased quality of decisions made by the VSB can only be achieved by an increase in the number of practicing veterinarians making them ie professionals with current knowledge of the industry and public sentiment and need. The large number of VSB subcommittees dealing with the numerous professional issues require veterinarians, not lay people - you can only divide the current number of vets so many times to such committees before depletion occurs.

It is our submission that at most one lay person on the Board is sufficient to ensure that the interests of animal owners are protected and transparency in decision making occurs. An uninformed lay person would having no idea of what the veterinary profession entails would

be a hindrance in Board discussions as the veterinary members would need to spend an inordinate amount of time to explain to the lay person what a reasonable veterinarian would do in each and every circumstance. Lay persons on the board can only take advice given by those of the medical profession, they are not in the position to judge or even question advice given by those within the profession about our profession, they can only use common sense to see the fairness in such advice or ask for a second opinion.

We live next to Guangdong province one of the most densely populated areas in the world with some of the world's poorest hygiene standards especially in their food-production industry. Imagine the scenario when we actually have a real national scale animal/human health disaster like say, Anthrax. What do these lay persons know about animal health? Nothing. Absolutely utterly nothing. How could people that know nothing about animal health guide an animal health professional industry into the future. This is a real danger and a board dominated by lay people is woefully insufficient to give advice to the government or the public, hence endangering public health.

It is our submission that the VSB and Cap 529 enshrine four principles.

The first principle is that the professions in Hong Kong ought to be “self-regulatory”. Self-regulatory means that the government entrusts the regulation of the profession to the profession. It is a tacit social contract between the profession and society in which society grants the profession the freedom to self-determination in exchange for the profession’s undertaking that the profession will be responsible and trustworthy in regulating itself. The profession in turn entrusts the regulation of the profession via a second tacit agreement to a small group of volunteer ‘regulator veterinarians’ – veterinarians who think they have the ‘right stuff’ to do the job. It is the profession that appoints the small group of regulator veterinarians and which requires them to behave in a responsible and trustworthy fashion in overseeing the profession. The profession merely hands over *temporary custodianship* of the profession: it does not hand over ownership. If the small group of regulator veterinarians do not act in the best interests of the profession and the public, then they are in breach of their tacit agreement with the profession, and the profession in turn is in breach of its tacit agreement with the public to properly regulate itself.

The second principle that needs to be understood is that veterinary boards are supposed to act as *neutral* regulators, not as *biased* consumer protectors. There has been a move by a number

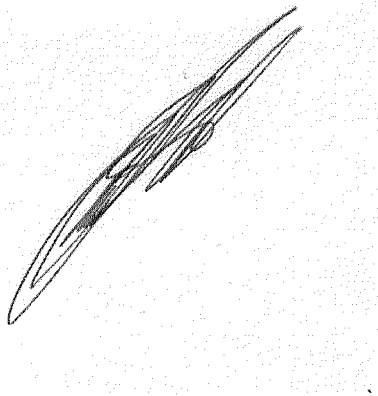
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