

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS**

**DR JOHN ALAN WALKER**

**JUDGMENT**

The Committee has given careful consideration to the submissions made on Dr Walker's behalf, an oral statement given by Mrs Pitman who attributed a lot of her success as a trainer to Dr Walker's veterinary skill over many years, and a letter from Dr Webbon, until recently, Chief Executive of the Horse Racing Regulatory Authority, was also presented, testifying to Dr Walker's excellent clinical judgment and professionalism.

The Committee regards false certification on two separate and similar occasions as being an extremely serious matter, and has considered the possible sanctions in ascending order of severity. The Committee believes that a postponement or reprimand is not an appropriate sanction in this case. Therefore, it has given anxious consideration to, either a suspension, or removal from the *Register* as being the most appropriate sanction

The Committee acknowledges in his favour the frankness of Dr Walker in his admission of the facts, but also took into consideration that Dr Walker is well known in the racing world, holds a senior position in the association of Racecourse Veterinary Surgeons, and ought to have know the significance of his actions

The Committee has decided that the only appropriate course is to instruct the Registrar to remove Dr Walker's name from the *Register*.

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE**  
**30 JANUARY 2007**