

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS**

**INQUIRY RE:**

**COSTIN-NICOLAE GHINESCU MRCVS**

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**CHARGES**

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THAT, being registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons:

1. On 18 July 2019, at Londonderry Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of the following offences:
  - a. On 1 May 2019, you, without lawful excuse made to Alina Ionita a threat to kill her intending that she would fear it would be carried out, contrary to section 16 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861;
  - b. On 1 May 2019, you unlawfully assaulted Alina Ionita, contrary to section 42 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861;
  - c. On 1 May 2019, you unlawfully assaulted Alina Ionita, contrary to section 42 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861;

And in respect of these convictions, you were sentenced to imprisonment for 6 months (regarding 1(a)), imprisonment for 4 months (regarding 1(b)), imprisonment for 4 months (regarding 1(c)), all such periods of imprisonment to run concurrently, and an offender levy of 25 euros;

2. On 22 December 2022, at Poole Magistrates' Court, you were convicted, following a guilty plea, of on 18 July 2022 at Winchester driving a motor vehicle, namely SJZ 4964, on a road, namely M3 Southbound into Winchester Services Southbound, when the proportion of a controlled drug, namely Delta – 9 – tetrahydrocannabinol, in your blood, namely 7 micrograms, exceeded the specified limit, contrary to section 5A(1)(a) and (2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988;

And that in relation to the above, you were disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for 12 months, and ordered to pay a fine of £160, a surcharge to fund victim services of £64, and costs of £85;

AND THAT it is alleged that the convictions at 1 and/or 2 above render you unfit to practise as a veterinary surgeon;

And/or

3. In relation to the conviction at charge 2 above, on or about 2 April 2023, in an online registration application for your RCVS annual membership, represented that you did not have any cautions or criminal convictions (including any absolute or conditional discharges or spent convictions) or any adverse findings against you, whether in the UK or overseas, and in relation to the said representation, your conduct was:
  - a. dishonest; and/or
  - b. misleading;

AND THAT in relation to the matters set out at 3 above, whether individually or in any combination, you are guilty of disgraceful conduct in a professional respect.