

**ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS**

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**STEPHEN GEORGE PRICHARD MRCVS**

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**CHARGES**

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THAT, being registered in the Register of Veterinary Surgeons:

1(a) Whilst in practice at Arundell Vet Care, Doncaster, South Yorkshire (the "Practice"), you:

- i. On occasions between 1 April 2016 and 29 April 2021, took quantities of Vetergesic (a brand of buprenorphine), a Prescription Only Medicine and a Controlled Drug of Class C Schedule 3, from the Practice's stocks, other than for legitimate veterinary purposes;
- ii. On 30 April 2021, took Vetergesic from the Practice by drawing it into a syringe for the purposes of self-administration;
- iii. Your conduct in relation to 1(a)(i) and/or 1(a)(ii) above was dishonest;

(b) On occasions between 4 December 2019 and 1 May 2021, attended the Practice in order to work as a veterinary surgeon whilst unfit to do so, more particularly, on or around:

- i. 5 December 2019
- ii. 29 December 2020
- iii. 1 March 2021
- iv. 26 April 2021
- v. 29 April 2021

2. Between around 24 February 2022 and 8 June 2022, failed to respond adequately or at all to reasonable requests from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons for your response to concerns raised about your conduct;

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