

SUPPLEMENTAL CHARTER

*At the Court of Balmoral*

THE 23rd DAY OF AUGUST 1967

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY

IN COUNCIL

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, dated the 7th of August 1967, in the words following, viz.:

'YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your Order of the 21st day of December 1966, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, praying for the grant of a Supplemental Charter: "THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition into consideration, and to this day agree humbly to report, as their opinion, to Your Majesty, that a Supplemental Charter may be granted by Your Majesty in terms of the Draft hereunto annexed."

"HER MAJESTY having taken into consideration the said Report, and the Draft Supplemental Charter accompanying it, was pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to approve thereof, and to order, as it is hereby ordered, that the Right Honourable Roy Jenkins, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do cause a Warrant to be prepared for Her Majesty's Royal Signature, for passing under the Great Seal a Supplemental Charter in conformity with the said Draft, which is hereunto annexed.

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith:

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING!

WHEREAS by a Charter dated the eighth day of March in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty-four (hereinafter referred to as: "the Charter of 1844") the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (hereinafter called "the College") was incorporated with perpetual succession and a Common Seal:

AND WHEREAS Supplemental Charters were granted to the College in the years One thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, One thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine, One thousand eight hundred and eighty-three, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two, One thousand nine hundred and fourteen, One Thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, One thousand nine hundred and thirty-two, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-one, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-three, One thousand nine hundred and sixty-five (hereinafter referred to as "the Supplemental

Charters”):

AND WHEREAS by the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 provision has been made for the continuance of the Council of the College in the form and subject to the requirements therein prescribed, for the appointment by the Council of a Registrar and for the maintenance of the registers required by Statute to be kept by him, and provision has been further made regarding membership of the College, the composition of the Register of Veterinary Surgeons, the regulation of fees payable for registration in such Register and for various other matters previously regulated by the Charter of 1844 and the Supplemental Charters:

AND WHEREAS a Petition has been presented unto Us by the College humbly praying that We would be graciously pleased to grant it a further Supplemental Charter:

NOW THEREFORE KNOW YE that We, having taken the said Petition into Our Royal consideration by virtue of Our Prerogative Royal and of Our especial grace, certain knowledge and mere motion have granted and declared and by these Presents do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors grant and declare as follows:-

1. The provisions of the Charter of 1844 except so far as they incorporate the College, recognise the veterinary art as a profession, authorise the College to have a Common Seal, to hold property, and to sue and be sued are hereby revoked.

2. The Supplemental Charters are also hereby revoked:

Provided that the revocation in part of the Charter of 1844 and the revocation of the Supplemental Charters shall not affect the validity or legality of any thing done or executed or of any dealing in property or of any investment made under any of the revoked provisions of the said Charters:

And provided further that any orders, rules or byelaws made or issued under any provision of the Charter of 1844 or the Supplementary Charters not being a provision superseded by the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 shall not be invalidated by the revocation in part of the Charter of 1844 or of the Supplemental Charters but shall have effect as if they were byelaws made or issued under the provisions of Article 22 of this Our Supplemental Charter.

3. The Annual General Meeting of the members of the College shall be held on such day and at such place as may be fixed by the Council in each year in the months of May, June or July and as shall have been advertised not less than thirty days prior to the date thereof in the *London Gazette*, and in one or more professional journals, and such advertisement shall specify the object of such General Meeting and the day, hour and place thereof. The quorum at the Annual General Meeting and any adjournments thereof shall be twelve members of the College personally present. The Annual General Meeting may adjourn from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting at which the adjournment took place. The procedure at an Annual General Meeting shall be as may from time to time be determined by byelaw or byelaws of the Council.

4. A general meeting of the members of the College other than the Annual General Meeting may be summoned by the Council of its own motion, and shall be summoned on receipt of a requisition signed by not less than fifty members of the College, stating the object of the calling of such General Meeting and the business to be transacted thereat. Such meetings shall be

summoned in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as to business, adjournment and procedure as the Annual General Meeting:

Provided that where a requisition has been received as aforesaid, and the Council shall have failed within a period of twenty-one days from the date of the receipt of the requisition to convene a General Meeting to be held within a further period of six weeks from the date of the notice convening the Meeting, the members of the College signing the requisition may themselves convene such a Meeting in the same manner and subject to the same conditions as relate to the calling of a General Meeting by the Council.

5. The College shall be directed and managed by the Council as constituted under the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (herein referred to as "the Council") or any Statutory modification or re-enactment thereof. The Council shall have the entire management of and superintendence over the affairs, concerns and property of the College (save the power of removal from, suspension from or restoration to the Register of Veterinary Surgeons and Supplementary Veterinary Register reserved to the Disciplinary Committee under sections 16 and 18 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966).

6. (1) The meetings of the Council shall be convened by the Secretary or Registrar, and the quorum of the Council shall be nine members personally present. Subject to the provisions of Article 22 and 24 of this Our Supplemental Charter all questions relating to any business to be transacted at any meeting shall be decided on by a majority of the members present and entitled to vote thereat and the President or Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote whether or not he shall have used it:

(2) Save as is provided in section 15 of and Part II of Schedule 2 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, the Council shall have the power to order its own procedure, to act by committees or sub-committees and to delegate such duties and powers as it thinks fit from time to time to such committees or sub-committees and to any of its own number and to the officers and servants and agents of College.

Provided that no resolution involving any departure from the previously established policy of the Council which is passed at any meeting of a committee or subcommittee to which the Council has delegated any of its duties or powers shall have any validity or effect unless (a) a majority of the members present at the meeting and entitled to vote are members of the Council or (b) such resolution is confirmed by the Council.

7. The Minutes of all transactions of any General Meeting and of meetings of the Council shall be taken by the Secretary or Registrar or by such other persons as may be deputed, and entered in a book or books to be kept for that purpose, and the Minutes, when signed by the Chairman of such General Meeting or meeting of the Council as may confirm the said Minutes, shall be sufficient evidence without any further proof of the facts stated therein.

8. A Treasurer shall be elected from amongst the members of the Council by the Council in each year at the first meeting of the Council by the Council in each year at the first meeting of the Council held after the Annual General Meeting, The Treasurer may at any time resign by submitting his resignation in writing addressed to the Secretary or Registrar, and his successor shall be elected by the Council at its next meeting after the resignation shall have been received. The Treasurer shall remain in office until the meeting of the Council at which his successor is elected notwithstanding that he may at the Annual General Meeting held immediately prior to the meeting of the Council at which his successor is elected have ceased to be a member of the Council.

9. The Council shall appoint a Registrar on such terms and conditions as it may from time to time determine. The Registrar shall be an officer of the College and shall not be a member of the Council. The Council may in similar manner appoint an Assistant Registrar or Assistant Registrars.

10. The Registrar shall (subject to the provisions of section 9 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966) on the application of any person paying such fee not exceeding three pounds as may from time to time by byelaw be determined, certify under his hand whether or not any person, whose name and address shall be furnished to him, is registered in any register maintained by the College.

11. The Council may appoint a Secretary on such terms and conditions as it may from time to time determine. The Secretary shall be an officer of the College and shall not be a member of the Council. The offices of Registrar and Secretary may be held by the same person. The Council may in similar manner appoint an Assistant Secretary or Assistant Secretaries.

12. The Council may from time to time nominate and appoint such other persons to be officers and servants for carrying on the affairs of the College as the Council shall think proper and may at pleasure from time to time, remove such officers and servants, or any of them, and allow them such salaries, wages, allowances, pensions or compensation for loss of office as the Council shall determine.

13. The Seal of the College shall not be affixed to any instrument whatsoever except by order of the Council (which power may be delegated for a specific purpose or for specific purposes to a committee or committees) and except in the presence of at least two members of the Council and of one of the officers of the College, all of whom shall by their signatures attest such sealing.

14. The Council shall have the power to pay such expenses, fees and subsistence allowances to members of the Council, officers, servants, examiners, visitors and agents of the College when engaged upon the business of the College, or when attending a meeting of the Council or any of its committees, as may from time to time be determined.

15. The College shall have power to acquire, hold and dispose of property of any kind.

16. Moneys of the College awaiting investment may be invested:

(1) in or upon any investments authorised by Part I or II of the First Schedule to the Trustee Investments Act 1961, as amended from time to time; or

(2) in or upon any of the securities of the government of any country within the Commonwealth or of the government of any province or state within any such country that has a separate legislature, or of the government of the United States of America;

or

(3) in or upon any mortgages or other securities of any municipality, county or district council or local or public authority or board in any country within the Commonwealth, or in any province or state within such country, or in the United States of America; or

(4) in or upon mortgages or other securities the capital whereof or a minimum rate of interest or dividend whereon is guaranteed by the government of any country within the

Commonwealth, or of any province or state within any such country that has a separate legislature, or by the government of the United States of America; or

(5) in or upon the bonds or mortgages or the fully paid guaranteed or preference or ordinary stock or shares or ordinary preferred or deferred or other stock or shares of any company incorporated either by Royal Charter or under any general or special Act of Our United Kingdom Parliament or any general or special enactment of the legislature of any other country within the Commonwealth or of the United States of America or Japan or any country which is a member of the European Economic Community or the European Free Trade Association having an issued and paid up share capital of at least £750,000 or its equivalent at the current rates of exchange being stock or shares which are quoted upon a recognised stock exchange in any country within the Commonwealth or the United States of America or Japan or any country which is a member of the Economic Community or the European Free Trade Association and so that in the case of a company having shares of no par value such paid up capital shall be deemed to include the capital sum (other than capital surplus) appearing in the company's accounts in respect of such shares: Provided always that no investment shall be made in any ordinary stocks or shares unless the company shall have paid dividends thereon at the rate of at least five per centum per annum for at least four years prior to the date of investment or in the case of shares having no par value, the company shall have paid a dividend thereon for at least six years prior to the date of the investment, and that the total amount at any time standing invested in investments authorised by this sub-paragraph as shown by the books of the College shall not exceed sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of the total amount at such time standing invested in any of the investments hereby authorised as appearing by such books. For the purpose of valuing the investments authorised by this sub-paragraph and held by the College the minimum price to be taken for each security shall be the cost price thereof to the College, or

(6) in the purchase of freehold ground rents or freehold or leasehold land, messuages, tenements and hereditaments within Our United Kingdom, provided that as regards leaseholds, the term thereof shall have at least sixty years to run; or

(7) upon the security of freehold property, freehold ground rents, land charges or rent charges, by way of first mortgage, up to the limit of two-thirds value.

17. The College shall have full power and authority in any manner whatsoever to support, maintain, assist, subscribe to or transfer or dispose of any real or personal property of the College, either for consideration or by way of gift or otherwise, to or so as to benefit the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Trust Fund, or any other association or institution the objects of which are to promote, encourage and advance the study and practice of the art and science of veterinary surgery and medicine and to advance education in connection with the said art and science.

18. The Council shall have power to award a Diploma of Fellow of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons to members of the College and to appoint examiners, charge examination and registration fees, and make byelaws governing the award of the said Diploma by examination, thesis or for meritorious contributions to learning.

19. The Council shall have power to elect members of the College who are of such standing as the Council may think fit to the Fellowship of the College, under Seal and without examination, subject to such conditions as the Council may think fit and by byelaw prescribe.

20. The Council may admit persons to membership of the College under such conditions as may from time to time be determined by the Council, but henceforth the following classes of persons only shall be so admitted namely:-

(a) holders of a veterinary degree of any University in Our United Kingdom in respect of which an Order of the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, made under section 3 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, is in force;

(b) persons who have passed an examination in veterinary surgery and who were students at any University in Our United Kingdom in respect of which a direction of the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, given under section 4 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, is in force;

(c) persons entitled to be registered as Commonwealth or foreign practitioners under section 6 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966;

(d) holders of veterinary Degrees granted in the Republic of Ireland in respect of which an Order of the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council, given under section 21 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, is in force;

(e) persons entitled to be registered under section 5A of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

21. The Council shall have power to award Diplomas or Certificates in such branches of veterinary science and its auxiliary sciences and arts as may from time to time be found expedient, and to appoint examiners, charge examination and registration fees and make byelaws governing the award of the said Diplomas or Certificates to persons holding such veterinary Degrees or Diplomas, or such other Certificates of general education, as may from time to time be approved by the Council.

22. The Council shall have power, subject to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966, to make such byelaws as shall appear to it to be required for the good order and management of the College, and from time to time repeal, amend, or add to the same provided always that the said byelaws and any such repeal, amendment or addition shall not be repugnant to the provision of the Charters of the College from time to time in force. No such byelaw shall be made, repealed, amended or added to as aforesaid unless notice of the intention to do so at a meeting of the Council shall have been given in writing to each member of Council not less than twenty-one days prior to the holding of the said meeting and unless the said byelaw or any such repeal, amendment or addition shall have been approved by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting at the meeting.

23. The Council shall have power to elect by Diploma under the Seal of the College Honorary Associates of the College with such privileges as the Council shall by byelaw determine.

24. The Council may by resolution amend or add to this Our Supplemental Charter provided that notice of the intention to do so at a meeting of the Council shall have been given in writing to each member of the Council not less than twenty-one days prior to the holding of the said meeting and such amendment or addition shall have been approved by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Council present and voting at the meeting. The said amendment or addition shall further require to be confirmed at a General Meeting of the members of the College by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at the

meeting, and shall when allowed by Us, Our Heirs or Successors in Council, become effectual so that this Our Supplemental Charter shall thenceforward continue and operate as though it had been originally granted and made accordingly. This provision shall apply to this Our Supplemental Charter as amended or added to in manner aforesaid.

And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors further grant unto the College that these Our Letters, or the enrolment or exemplification thereof, shall be in all things valid and effectual in law according to the true intent and meaning thereof and shall be taken, construed and adjudged in the most favourable and beneficial sense for the best advantage of the College as well in Our Courts of Record as elsewhere by all Judges, Justices, Officers, Ministers and other subjects whatsoever of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, any non-recital or other omission or thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

IN WITNESS whereof We have cause these Our Letters to be made Patent.

WITNESS Ourselves at Westminster the nineteenth day of October and in the sixteenth year of Our Reign.

BY WARRANT UNDER THE QUEEN'S SIGN MANUAL