

ANDREW MCGLADDERY PROOF OF EVIDENCE

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 My name is Andrew John McGladdery. I am currently a veterinary surgeon and Clinical Director at Rosssdales Ltd in Newmarket, Suffolk. I have knowledge of the activities of the former AHT as both a collaborative researcher and through use of their commercial equine clinical and diagnostic services from 1988 to its closure in the summer of 2020.
- 1.2 Previously I provided a Statutory Declaration dated 11 August 2023 and a letter from Rosssdales dated 7 August 2023 in respect of the former Animal health Trust site which is appended to this Proof (Appendix 1 and Appendix 2).
- 1.3 This Proof supplements the Statutory Declaration and, as with my statutory declaration, provides, to the best of my knowledge and belief, information concerning the Animal Health Trust.

ACTIVITIES OF THE ANIMAL HEALTH TRUST

- 1.4 The main activities of the AHT were both clinical and research. The main clinical activities were a specialist small animal referral hospital, an equine clinical referral unit (primarily orthopaedic based in later years) and a diagnostic laboratory and an equine infectious disease and epidemiology centre. Clinical activities were closely involved with research in animal health and development of treatment and therapies related to equine and small animal health and also equine disease surveillance. The research activities covered a number of different fields.
- 1.5 The AHT was different from the two equine hospitals in the Newmarket area (Rosssdales and Newmarket Equine Hospital) and one small animal referral hospital (Dick White Referrals) in that the AHT as a charitable institution and with a large research focus did not operate in the same commercially driven world as the private hospitals.
- 1.6 Clinical services were an important part of the operation with specialties concentrating on areas such as ophthalmology, oncology and equine orthopaedics. The clinical work dovetailed with the research work in various different ways enabling research to be put into practice, providing data for research projects, studies and publications and raising revenue that supported the research operation.
- 1.7 There was a Centre for Small Animal Studies and an Equine Referral Unit at the AHT. The AHT was not a first opinion service but for clinical referrals from vets in the Newmarket area and elsewhere in the UK, and animals would almost always be brought to the AHT by their owners.
- 1.8 Over the last few years, the clinical services experienced increased competition from Rosssdales Equine Hospital and Newmarket Equine Hospital, and also from Dick White Referrals in respect of small animals. Also, the diagnostic laboratory services similarly with Rosssdales Laboratories and other national laboratories. This competition presumably contributed substantially to their decline. The Covid 19 pandemic was then the last straw.
- 1.9 The equine infectious disease epidemiology unit survived and the staff moved to Cambridge University and the horse racing industry contracts from the BHA were awarded to Rosssdales Laboratories who retained some of the former AHT staff.

Appendix 1: Statutory Declaration dated 11th August 2023

Appendix 2: Letter dated 7th August 2023

4th August 2023

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Document title: Statutory declaration

I, Andrew John McGladdery, of The Laurels Ditton Green Woodditton Newmarket Suffolk do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am a veterinary surgeon and Clinical Director at Rosssdales Ltd, High Street Newmarket Suffolk.
2. I have knowledge of the activities of the former Animal Health Trust as both a collaborative researcher and through use of their commercial equine clinical and diagnostic services from 1988 until its closure in the summer of 2020.
3. The AHT had significant research endeavours in equine infectious diseases and epidemiology, for example equine influenza, herpes virus and Strangles and also in equine exercise physiology, cardiology and orthopaedics. The majority of the AHT activities consisted of clinical services including an equine clinical unit which was primarily an orthopaedic referral service for sport horses and a commercial diagnostic laboratory including DNA testing and pathology service for both equine and small animals. A small animal referral hospital specialising in orthopaedics, ophthalmology, oncology and dermatology completed the clinical services offered.
4. These commercial and research activities utilised all the buildings situated on the eastern side of the site known as the Centre for Small Animal Studies and Centre for Equine Studies. The laboratory facilities utilised the buildings on the southern edge of the site at the top of the drive. The grass paddocks on the western side of the site were for the use and care of horses and ponies used in research trials. The site was used in its entirety by the AHT for its own activities including the old Lanwades Hall as offices and for conferences.
5. The clinical referral services catered for horses, cats and dogs with referrals made to AHT clinicians from both local and nationwide veterinary practices. Two hospital buildings for equine and small animals were built to house these services.
6. The AHT clinicians had a programme for training interns and residents in the various disciplines and ran regular continuing professional development courses for veterinary surgeons.



And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1835.

Declared at [ADDRESS]

EDMONDSON HALL SOLICITORS

on [DATE] 11 AUGUST 2023

before me [NAME]. JAMES PETER CRUSSELL

Signed..... JPC

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7th August 2023

To whom it may concern,

I am currently a Clinical Director of Rosssdales Ltd and was formerly the senior equity partner of Rosssdale & Partners, Veterinary Surgeons from 1994-2021. Rosssdales is a world-renowned equine ambulatory practice, equine hospital and diagnostic pathology laboratory service and I am writing to you in respect of the former Animal Health Trust.

I am sure you are aware that the AHT undertook research and provided veterinary services in two clinical centres: the Centre for Small Animal Studies and Centre for Equine Studies. Unfortunately, the AHT was forced to close in 2020. This was a result of a number of reasons but included the failure of the AHT's clinical services to compete successfully given the existence of two world class equine hospitals (Rosssdales and Newmarket Equine Hospital) and more recently a very successful small animal hospital, Dick White Referrals nearby.

I can confirm that there is no requirement in Newmarket for a third equine hospital. We have also taken on former AHT laboratory staff and British Horseracing Authority laboratory contracts once held by the AHT by expanding our laboratory services. A new hospital on the AHT site is unlikely to be successful and would find it difficult to compete against the established hospitals in Newmarket.

Yours sincerely,

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PROJECT	Lanwades Park				
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Boundary Line
Lanwades Park

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