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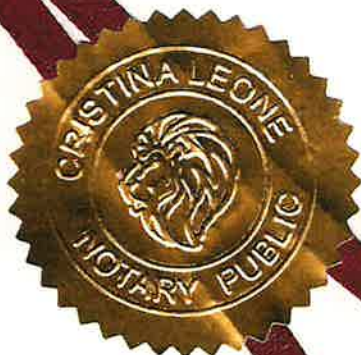
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Cristina Leone

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I
CRISTINA LEONE, a NOTARY PUBLIC authorised to practise
throughout England and Wales DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on
the date hereof before me personally came and appeared
CATHRYN SUZANNE MELLERSH the declarant named and
described in the **statutory declaration** hereunto annexed, WHO
in my presence by solemn oath by her taken in due form of law
affirmed to the truth of the several statements matters and things
mentioned and contained in the said declaration.

IN FAITH AND TESTIMONY WHEREOF I the said notary
have subscribed my name and set and affixed my seal of office at
Cambridge this nineteenth day of March of the year two thousand
and twenty-four.



19 March 2024

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Document title: Statutory declaration

I, Cathryn Mellersh, of 2 High Street Burwell CB25 0HB, do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am a senior research associate at the University of Cambridge and hold the qualifications of BSc and PhD.
2. I was a senior postdoctoral research scientist at the Animal Health Trust, 2001-2006, and Head of Canine Genetics and Genetics Services at the Animal Health Trust at Lanwades Park, Kentford between 2006 and 2020.
3. The AHT was primarily a research and development institute, and thus occupied an unusual position in the animal welfare world.
4. The Animal Health Trust operated as a single entity albeit it had a number of different factions within the organisation. There was one fundraising team, one HR team, and one chief executive. The Animal Health Trust provided both research and clinical services (such as the small animal clinical services). The clinical work was income generating but was also very much research driven.
5. The importance of research and development, and the considerable amount of research material that was published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, is reflected in the fact that it set up an independent Clinical Ethical Research Committee (CERC). This Committee - which pre-dated the similar Committee later set up by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons - was important in that it provided a mechanism by which a panel of experts, who were not directly involved with the research projects under consideration, evaluated the ethics of each research project undertaken by the AHT scientists and clinicians. If research was not being undertaken by AHT staff this Committee would not have been required.
6. Researchers and clinicians worked very closely together, and I collaborated with the clinicians on an almost daily basis. The clinicians, most of whom were specialists, would be actively involved with the research my group undertook, their involvement being to provide robust phenotype evaluation for the dogs whose DNA my research group analysed. My team and I are geneticists and not vets, and so we need to turn to veterinary colleagues to confirm the diagnoses of the animals whose DNA we investigate. An example would be to confirm that a dog had an inherited form of cataract as opposed to a diabetic cataract.
7. A significant aspect of my role was to inform the dog owning and dog breeding public about our research into inherited diseases in dogs and as part of that I would give talks to members of the public 3 to 4 times a year. This would normally be attended by 20 to 30 (sometimes up to 40) members of the public who were generally specialist dog breeders. Sometimes these owners and breeders would bring their dogs along, typically to have their eyes examined by a veterinary ophthalmologist and a DNA sample taken to contribute into our research into that specific breed.
8. In respect of the clinics, around 40 small animals and 10 horses would have been brought to the Small Animal Clinic and Equine Clinic on a daily basis. These would mostly have been referred by other veterinary clinics however there were some activities such as hearing and eye tests which could be booked directly.

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

Declared at Department of Veterinary Medicine, University of Cambridge, Madingley Rd, Cambridge, CB3 0ES

Before me CRISTINA LEONE

Signed.....

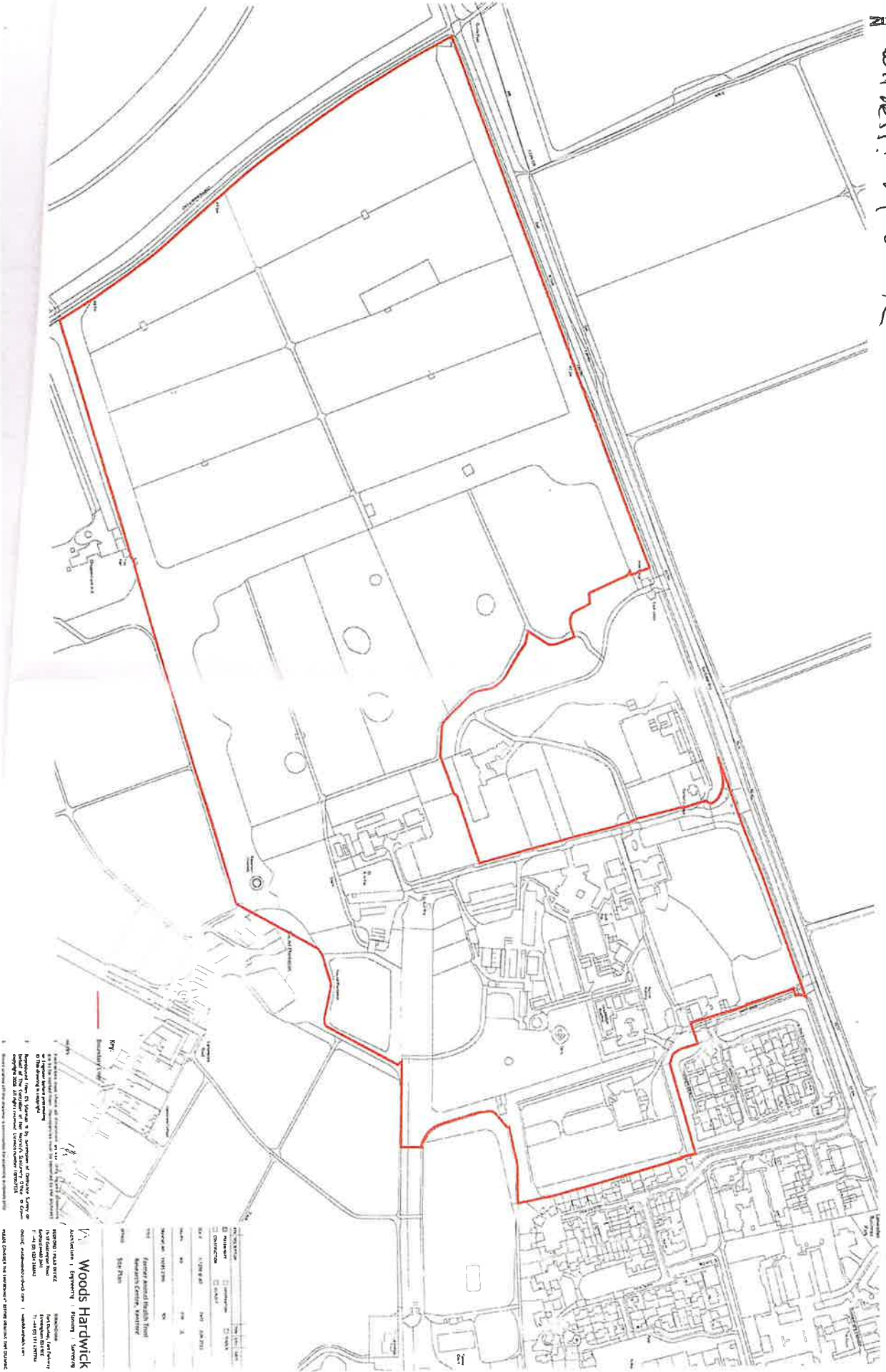
A commissioner for oaths or a solicitor empowered to administer oaths.

19th March 2024 **Notary Public London, England (Cristina Leone)**

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Signed: *Cathy Hellerish*
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