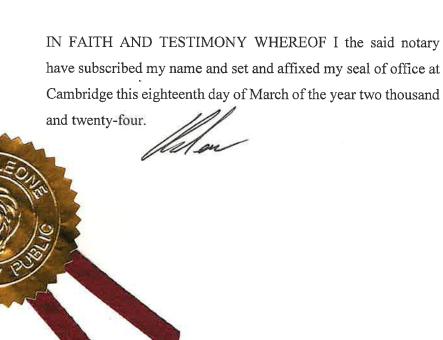


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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I CRISTINA LEONE, a NOTARY PUBLIC authorised to practise throughout England and Wales DO HEREBY CERTIFY that on the date hereof before me personally came and appeared JONATHAN RICHARD NEWTON the declarant named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





18 March 2024

STATUTORY DECLARATION

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I. Jonathan Richard Newton, of Moat House, Bradley Road, Burrough Green, Newmarket, CB8 9NH do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

- 1. I am a veterinary epidemiologist and I hold the following qualifications BVSc, MSc, PhD, FRCVS.
- 2. I was a veterinary surgeon working on epidemiology and disease surveillance at the Animal Health Trust at Lanwades Park, Kentford between January 1994 and July 2020.
- 3. The AHT operated very much as a single entity. Although there were different departments and staff with different interests and qualifications, there was a strong *corps d'esprit* and a sense of mission to push the frontiers of knowledge about animal health and welfare.
- 4. After the Trust sold off the Balaton Lodge site in Newmarket, everything was located on and took place at the Kentford site. It was a busy site, fully utilised, with much interaction between the different buildings.
- 5. There was a single management structure including a single Board of Trustees and an Executive Committee headed by the CEO (who was also until a late stage Director of Research), and other departmental heads including HR, Finance and Fundraising, me (Director of Epidemiology and Disease Surveillance), Director of the Centre for Equine Studies and the Director of the Centre for Small Animal Studies. There was a single annual report produced and a single set of accounts that covered all the activities. There were also common areas used by members of staff for the whole site such as the Wooldridge building which housed a library, amenity and meeting rooms, HR, IT and the fundraising department.
- 6. Everything that took place had to satisfy the charitable objectives of the AHT, which gave everyone a strong sense of purpose. The Board of Trustees comprised a number of eminent and respected people, and meetings were chaired by The Princess Royal, who was for many years the President of the AHT.
- 7. The clinical work was closely inter-related with the research work in many different ways. The clinical activities not only helped to fund the research but also incorporated research. Even the staff whose duties were primarily clinical had the attitude that they were there to go a step beyond treating animals. Everyone could be described as "research engaged". This was reflected in the very large output of published material which also came from the clinicians. Vets in veterinary practices rarely publish; vets at the AHT were prolific.
- 8. The scientists would collaborate with clinicians on a daily basis and offer support and expertise to each other in different ways. For example, I would often assist a clinician's research by providing assistance with study design and statistical analyses.
- 9. The AHT's activities were scrutinised by the external Scientific Advisory Committee. The Committee would make a detailed inspection over several days each year and took their duties very seriously. The SAC was instructed by the Board of Trustees to monitor the AHT's scientific activities.
- 10. Diagnostic laboratory testing was an important activity and comprised both sample testing for disease diagnosis, and genetic testing (primarily for dogs). It was originally established to support research and development work, but it later grew to be a modest revenue generator. The testing focused on species for which AHT had a reputation for conducting research i.e.

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horses, dogs and other small companion animals, and the samples used for testing fed back into research activity.

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.

18th March 2024

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