

PETITION

To save Complementary & Alternative Medicine (CAM) as a first-line choice of treatment in animals

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(Petition started by: Julia Cormack on Care2 Petitions. Location: United Kingdom).

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) Council have taken away access to natural veterinary medicines, especially Homeopathy.

Our right to free choice of healthcare has been removed:

- 1. On 3rd November 2017, the RCVS Council released a statement preventing qualified vets from treating animals with CAM and homeopathy as first-line medicine. Your choice to try first to avoid drugs which may have side-effects on the animals you love has been taken away from you and your vet. This means the option to work with your vet to find the most suitable first-line treatment has been removed.
- 2. In making this statement, the RCVS Council has been swayed by a vociferous minority and failed to consult experts in the field, particularly Homeopathic Vets and qualified CAM practitioners let alone the public. This statement has been imposed upon the profession and pet owners without due process.
- 3. Some RCVS Council members have made statements online that clearly indicate their intention to seek a change in legislation. This will potentially deliver a complete ban on vets using all CAM therapies which they consider do not fit within their limited pharmaceutical-based system. This includes treatments such as acupuncture and herbs. Their opinion is to override those actually treating and owning the animal.

It is plain to see that they feel threatened by the success of Complementary and Alternative Medicines, in particular Homeopathy.

Please help us to:

- 1. Show we want our right to choose, with healthcare options returned to our vets and also us as responsible and caring animal owners.
- 2. Save the future and clinical freedoms of Homeopathic Vets and those practicing the Complementary Alternative Medicines that have healed so many animals.
- 3. Save the future of Homeopathy and CAM for all to use in the UK.

Thank you, CAM4animals 2018



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We, the undersigned, request that the RCVS Council retracts its statement and guarantees the security of Homeopathy and CAM as a first-line treatment under the supervision of a qualified veterinary surgeon.

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