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Dear Sir

We, the undersigned, are dog owners who are losing faith in the veterinary profession and in our government. Many of us believe that our dogs were made ill or killed by unnecessary vaccines. We have signed our names in memory of our dogs, our family friends, who were damaged by vaccines, and we have added their names to our signatures so that they can be counted as mattering. Others of us are signing because we have read the science relating to annual vaccination, and we feel strongly that change is required.

We are not suggesting that pet owners leave their pets unprotected against viral disease. We also understand that many dogs appear to withstand annual vaccination without apparent harm. Others, though, do not.

We are simply stating a known scientific fact – that annual vaccines are not necessary, and they are not without harm. Many of us have blamed ourselves for not knowing this fact, and for following veterinary advice without question. Our dogs look at us with love and trust in their eyes, and we betrayed them through our ignorance.

We are signing this letter so that other dog owners, and cat owners, can be informed of the known science, so that they do not have to stand over the bodies of their dead animals and ask, “why did nobody tell me?” We are calling for informed consent for pet owners, and asking that vets in practice warn pet owners of the known possible side-effects of vaccines, namely allergies, organ failure, brain damage, arthritis, paralysis, epilepsy, and a wide range of immune-mediated diseases including cancer and autoimmune haemolytic anaemia. Sudden death, described as anaphylactic shock, is another acknowledged vaccine reaction that pet owners should be aware of before consenting to potentially unnecessary shots.

We are dismayed that veterinarians and veterinary vaccine manufacturers are allowed by law to promote veterinary products such as annual vaccines, which come with known side-effects, when there is no scientific evidence to say that they are necessary.

We understand that vets are required to follow datasheet guidelines, and that the VMD has allowed veterinary vaccine manufacturers to hide behind duration of immunity studies of only one or three years. It has taken independent scientists to show that vaccines protect for much longer. We are grateful to these independent scientists for doing this work.

We also understand that vets, MPs and political parties receive money from pharmaceutical companies; that professors in veterinary teaching establishments, and the establishments themselves, receive funding from industry; and that most if not all of the large animal charities in the UK are also in receipt of funding from veterinary vaccine manufacturers. We are also concerned that officials within our government departments might also receive pecuniary advantages from veterinary pharmaceutical companies.

We, the undersigned, ask that protective measures be instigated so that pet owners can make informed decisions; that they are told the full truth so that they can choose wisely on behalf of their pets.

Yours faithfully

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