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To whom it may concern:

I am chairwoman of the above Charity that was established in 1992. The main focus is to provide 2nd degree students with bursaries. These dedicated students spent time and money obtaining a science degree allowing them to qualify for entry to vet school. Surely, they should be encouraged to enter your profession. We have a committee member from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons on our bursary committee, due to lack of funding, it has never sat! During our existence, the amount of donations received from the profession is £25, yet we manage to help with their tuition fees. How do we do it? See our website. To enable this, takes a great deal of my free time.

I own a small holding – see www.thedigglers.co.uk. I take onboard sick and injured cats from the local RSPCA and local vets. Ultimately, it will become a charity. However, I now wish to establish it as an animal hospice to enable these animals the enjoyment of their final years in a loving, caring and safe environment. I approached a member of your profession seeking views in establishing such a hospice. I was told 'you will never get a vet to give free time'. My time has been given freely since 1992 in helping your profession of which I am not a member. I am an Advisory Teacher working for the Tameside Authority. Is this not a sad indictment of your profession?

'If it hadn't been for Veterinary Vouchers, I would not have become a vet'. A testimonial from a former student – the letter is on our website. A tool is in place to help these students achieve their goal. If every veterinary practice donated £50 annually to our bursaries – you could even claim tax relief, it would create at least five annual bursaries. Aren't your future colleagues worth that small effort?

A copy of this letter will be placed on both websites.

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