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ROYAL CHARTER

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NOVEMBER 2007

AT THE COURT AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE

The 23rd day of February, 1956.

PRESENT,

**THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL**

WHEREAS there was this day read at the Board a Report of a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, dated the 22nd day of February, 1956, in the words following, viz.:-

"YOUR MAJESTY having been pleased, by Your Order of the 29th day of July, 1955, to refer unto this Committee the humble Petition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester, K.G., and others, praying for the grant of a new Charter of Incorporation to the Royal Veterinary College and Hospital in substitution for the existing Charters of the said College and Hospital:

"THE LORDS OF THE COMMITTEE, in obedience to Your Majesty's said Order of Reference, have taken the said Petition into consideration, and do this day agree humbly to

report on their opinion to Your Majesty that they have the honour to advise Her Majesty that they are in favour of the grant of the Charter of Incorporation proposed by the said Petition, and that they are of opinion that the Charter of Incorporation proposed by the said Petition should be granted to the said College and Hospital with such amendments as may be thought fit by Your Majesty's Council.

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and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories

College and Hospital and under and by virtue of a Supplemental Charter granted on the thirteenth day of January in the eleventh year of the Reign of His Majesty King George the Sixth the Royal

Veterinary College and Hospital (hereinafter called "the College") is a Body Corporate and Politic with the powers and liabilities in the said Charter of Incorporation and the said Supplemental Charter set forth:

AND WHEREAS the said Charter provides that one of the objects of the College was to apply for admission as a School of the University of London (hereinafter called "the University"):

AND WHEREAS application for that purpose was made and granted by the University, so that as from the first day of October One thousand nine hundred and forty-nine the College was admitted as and became a School of the University:

AND WHEREAS a Petition has been presented to Us by

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER, Chancellor of the University,

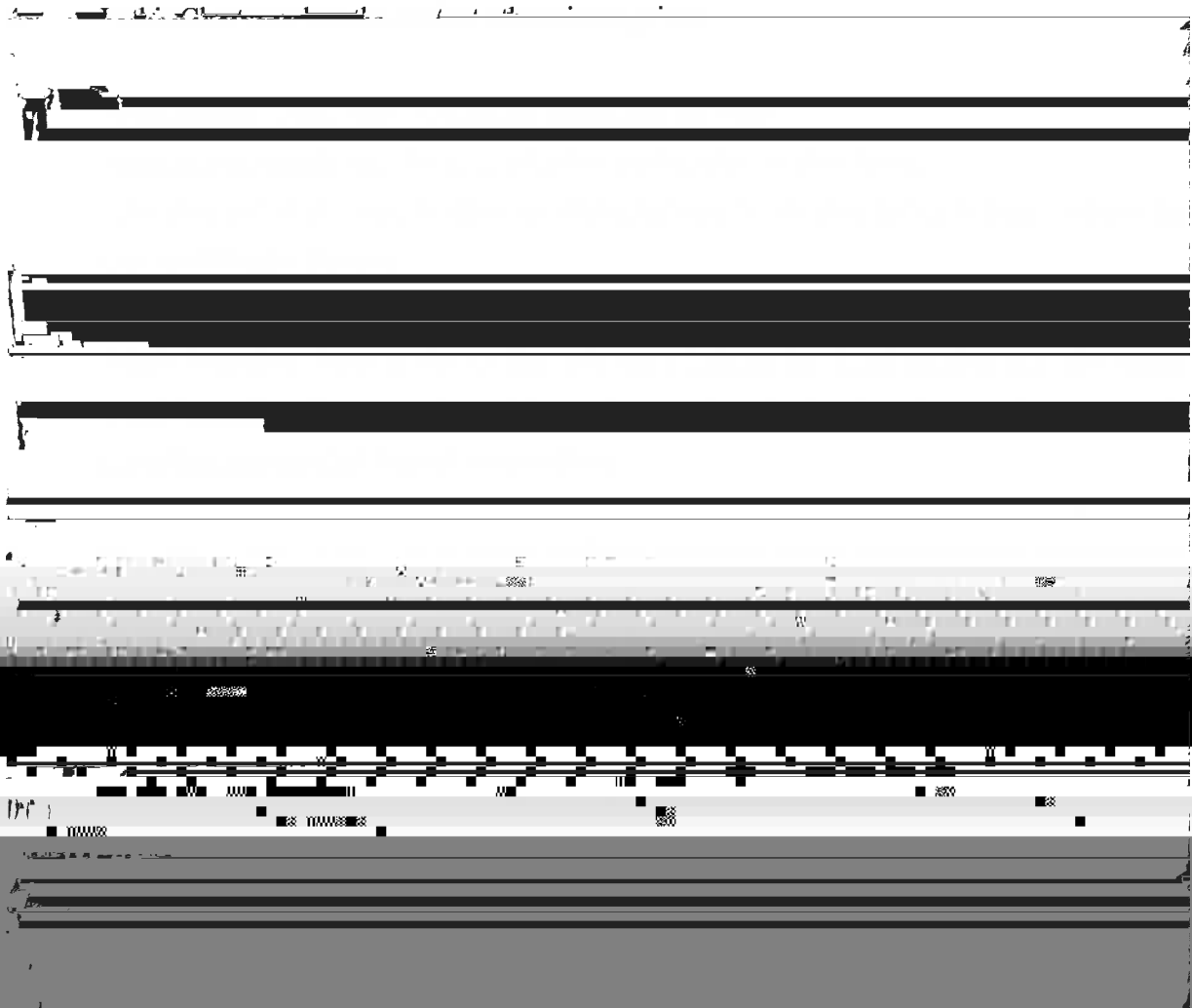
FIELD-MARSHAL HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS HENRY WILLIAM FREDERICK ALBERT DUKE OF GLOUCESTER, President of the College.

HAROLD ROBERT ROBINSON Esquire, Doctor of Science of the Victoria University of

Britain and Northern Ireland or in Our Colonies or Dependencies and shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal which may be changed or varied by them or at their pleasure.

2. We do also hereby for Ourselves our Heirs and Successors license, authorise and for ever hereafter enable the said College or any person on its behalf to acquire not only all such lands, tenements and hereditaments as may be from time to time exclusively used and occupied for the immediate purposes of the said College but also any other lands, tenements and hereditaments whatsoever situate within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and to hold all or any lands which the said College is hereby authorised to acquire in perpetuity or on lease or otherwise and from time to time, but subject to all such consents as are by law required, to grant, demise, alienate or otherwise dispose of the same or any part thereof.

3. And We do hereby also for Ourselves Our Heirs and Successors give and grant Our licence to any person or persons and any Body Politic or Corporate to assure in perpetuity or otherwise or to demise to or for the benefit of the said College any lands, tenements or hereditaments whatsoever within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.



particular to provide programmes of study or instruction to prepare students for the degrees of the University of London and joint degrees with other institutions.

- (B) To provide facilities for the study of the ways in which animals may be maintained in good health both generally and in relation to the health and well-being of the people at large.
- (C) To treat and care for injured and diseased animals.
- (D) To investigate and practise methods of preventing and curing diseases of animals and generally to provide facilities for and to encourage and to conduct research in

veterinary and other related branches of knowledge and learning, and to organise, encourage and stimulate post-graduate study in those branches.

- (E) To solicit, receive and administer in the interests of the College all kinds of grants, gifts, subscriptions, donations, legacies and endowments, whether absolute or

conditional, to act as trustees for or in relation to any such gifts, legacies and endowments and to retain any such gifts, legacies and endowments in their original form of investment for so long as may be thought fit.

- (F) To require the payment of fees in respect of programmes of study or instruction.
- (G) Subject to the provisions of Article 2 of this Our Charter to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire any real or personal property which may be necessary or convenient for any of the purposes of the College

person, upon such security as the College may think fit for the furtherance of the purposes of the College.

To enter into contracts, contracts of indemnity and curatelia and to draw, make

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accept, issue, execute, endorse, and discount any instruments and securities, whether negotiable or otherwise, as the College may think fit for the furtherance of the purposes of the College.

(L) To act as trustees or managers of any property, endowment, legacy, bequest or gift for purposes of education or research.

[REDACTED]

(T) To carry on any activity whatsoever and in such manner that is not inconsistent with

the charitable status of the College and that in the opinion of the Council is conducive to the furtherance of the purposes of the College.

(U) To do anything else necessary or convenient, whether incidental to these powers or not, in order to further the object of the College.

which shall be the supreme governing body of the College.

Subject to the provisions of this Our Charter and of the Statutes the Council shall have ultimate responsibility for the affairs of the College and, through delegation to the Principal, shall ensure the effective management and control of the College and the administration of all

by the Lords of Our Most Honourable Privy Council of which approval a certificate under the

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Statute shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or

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provisions of the Supplemental Charter dated the thirteenth day of January One thousand nine hundred and forty-seven are hereby repealed as from the date of the first meeting of the Council to be held after the granting of this Our Charter.

Provided that:

(1) Nothing in this repeal shall affect the validity or legality of any act, deed or thing done or executed or of any dealing in property or of any investment made under the provisions of any of the Charters or Supplemental Charters hereby repealed.

(2) All contracts entered into prior to the date hereof with or by the College under the

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