



*At the Court at Windsor Castle*

THE 26th DAY OF MAY 2021

PRESENT,

THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY  
IN COUNCIL

Her Majesty in Council has allowed the amendments to the Charter of The Royal Veterinary College as set out in the Schedule to this Order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Johnson".

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*SCHEDULE*

AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE ROYAL VETERINARY COLLEGE

1. **Delete** Article 1 and **substitute**:

“1. The Body Corporate constituted, appointed and established by the Original Charter by the name "The Royal Veterinary College" ("the College" or "the RVC") shall and may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in all Courts whether of Law or Equity either in Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and shall have perpetual succession and a Common Seal which may be changed or varied by them or at their pleasure.”.

2. In Article 4:-

(a) **delete** “The College” and **substitute** “The RVC” before “shall mean "The Royal Veterinary College”;

(b) **insert** “;” after “shall mean “The Royal Veterinary College””;

(c) **delete** “College” and **substitute** “RVC” after “shall mean the Council of the”;

(d) **insert** “; and” after “shall mean the Council of the RVC for the time being”;

(e) **delete** “College” and **substitute** “RVC” after “shall mean the Statutes of the”.

3. **Delete** Article 5 and **substitute**:

“5. The object of the RVC is to advance higher education and research and publish the useful results for the public benefit with particular focus in the art and science of veterinary medicine and surgery, biological and biomedical sciences and related subjects.

In furtherance of the above object and so far as permitted by charity law, the RVC shall have all the powers of a natural person including but not limited to the following powers:

(A) To teach and train students in the principles and practice of veterinary medicine and surgery and the sciences which inform them and in biological, biomedical and broader scientific domains and in particular to provide programmes of study or instruction to prepare students for degrees that are registrable pursuant to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966;

(B) To award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other marks of distinction of the RVC and withdraw such awards;

(C) To award degrees, diplomas, certificates and other marks of distinction in conjunction with another institution or institutions and to withdraw such awards in conjunction with the other institution or institutions;

(D) 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;

(E) To treat and care for injured and diseased animals;

(F) To investigate and practice methods of preventing and curing disease or injury and for enhancing the welfare of animals and humans in a one health context;

(G) To provide facilities for, encourage and conduct research in veterinary, biological and biomedical sciences and other related branches of knowledge and learning, and to organise, encourage and stimulate post-graduate study in those branches;

(H) To solicit, receive and administer in the interests of the RVC 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;

(I) To invest;

(J) To require the payment of fees in respect of programmes of study or instruction;

(K) To acquire, own, maintain, lease, manage and dispose of land and other property;

(L) To erect, maintain, alter and improve any buildings upon any lands held by or belonging to the RVC, and to provide the same with all proper and necessary fixtures, fittings, apparatus, instruments, appliances and conveniences;

(M) To provide or arrange for the provision of student accommodation and other places of residence and recreation for students and others whether on property of the RVC or elsewhere;

(N) To borrow or raise money at interest upon banking account or otherwise and to secure or discharge any debt, liability or obligation, whether of the RVC or any other person, upon such security as the RVC may think fit for the furtherance of the purposes of the RVC and for those purposes the RVC shall have the authority to enter into any financial instrument which is ancillary or incidental to the exercise of such powers;

(O) To enter into guarantees, contracts of indemnity and suretyship and to draw, make, accept, issue, execute, endorse, and discount any instruments and securities, whether negotiable or otherwise, as the RVC may think fit for the furtherance of the purposes of the RVC;

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

(Q) To publish and distribute in any suitable physical or digital media information of an appropriate character;

(R) To exploit for the RVC's benefit any facility or resource of the RVC, including study, research or knowledge, or the practical application of study, research or knowledge, belonging to the RVC whether alone or jointly;

(S) To subscribe to any charities, and to grant donations for any charitable purpose, and to provide or join in any superannuation fund or scheme for the benefit of the members of the staff of the RVC;

(T) To employ staff in such positions as may be required and prescribe their conditions of service;

(U) To prescribe rules for the discipline of students and to provide procedures for the hearing of complaints by students;

(V) To co-operate and collaborate with other institutions;

(W) To incorporate into the RVC any other institution, or any branch or department of another institution, and take over its rights, property and liabilities, for any purpose not inconsistent with this Our Charter;

(X) To carry on any activity whatsoever and in such manner that is not inconsistent with the charitable status of the RVC and that in the opinion of the Council is conducive to the furtherance of the purposes of the RVC; and

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

4. In Article 7, before “shall ensure the effective management and control”, **delete** “Principal” and **substitute** “Chief Executive” .

5. **Delete** Article 8 and **substitute**:

“8. The RVC shall show no discrimination on account of political belief, gender, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, disability, age, marriage and civil partnership, race, ethnic origin, religion or belief, social background and pregnancy and maternity against any person in determining whether he or she is to be admitted as a member of staff or Council, or as a student, or to hold any advantage or privilege of the RVC.”.

5. **Renumber** Articles 10 to 17 as Articles 11 to 18.

6. **Insert** new Article 10:

“10. The RVC shall take such steps as are reasonably practical to ensure that freedom of speech within the law is secured for its students and members of staff and for visiting speakers.”.

7. **Delete** Article 13 as renumbered and **substitute**:

“13. No addition to, repeal of or alteration in the Statutes shall have any force or effect unless and until the same shall have been approved by at least two thirds of those present and voting at a Meeting of the Council provided that no Statute shall have any force or effect if it be repugnant to the provisions of this Our Charter or to the laws of Our Realm.”.

8. In Article 14 as renumbered **delete** “Part II of the Companies Act 1989” and **substitute** “Schedule 10 of the Companies Act 2006”.

9. In Article 16 as renumbered **delete** “provided that so long as the College remains a College of the University of London no such alteration, amendment or addition shall be repugnant to the Statutes and Ordinances of the University of London”.

10. **Delete** Article 17 as renumbered and **renumber** Article 18 as Article 17.

11. In Articles 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11 to 12 and 14 to 17 as renumbered **delete** “College” wherever it occurs and **substitute** “RVC”.