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EDM 1003: Raw Meaty Bones Group

Dear Reader,

Amazing good news – the hard work by the UKRMB Group has resulted in a second Early Day Motion in the British Parliament.

Do you remember back in February this year I wrote about the first Early Day Motion: Processed Pet Foods and Vets?

<http://seureshop.rawmeatybones.com/newsletter/view.epl?id=35>

According to the UK Parliamentary web site:

‘An **Early Day Motion**, or EDM, is a motion put down ("tabled") by Members of Parliament calling for a debate on a particular subject. In practice, there is rarely time to debate EDMs nowadays and their true modern-day purpose is to enable MPs to draw attention to an issue and to canvass support for their views by inviting other Members to add their signatures in support of the motion.’

The two MPs who tabled the recent motion, Mr David Lepper MP and Dr Rudi Vis MP, encapsulated the essence of the RMB campaign. They’ve provided a stable foundation upon which to build a healthful, secure future free of the junk pet-food scourge. Please take a moment to study what the MPs wrote:

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=29343&SESSION=875>

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That this House notes the controversy surrounding the promotion and sale of processed pet foods by veterinary surgeons; acknowledges the evidence and analysis in the book Raw Meaty Bones by Tom Lonsdale; commends the UK Raw Meaty Bones Group's public awareness campaign; and calls for a wide ranging

inquiry into that group's serious concerns relating to human and pet health, the economy and the environment and the adequacy of the current veterinary regulatory system to investigate these issues.

Until now the UK veterinary authorities have consolidated their alliance with the junk pet-food makers and together have maintained implacable opposition to an inquiry (See elections campaigns <http://www.rawmeatybones.com/elections.html>). But with allegations of incompetence and corruption swirling around, then the best way for them to clear their name is to welcome an open inquiry.

So what needs to be done from here? How can you help get an official inquiry established?

In the first instance, the more MPs who know about Early Day Motion 1003 and the more who add their signatures to the list the better.

Please, I urge you write to MPs and ask them to sign EDM 1003 Raw Meaty Bones Group.

List of UK MPs:

<http://www.parliament.uk/directories/hciolists/alms.cfm>

It's best to address letters to:

Mr/Ms/Dr NAME MP
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA
UK

UK residents can use a free fax service at:

<http://www.writetothem.com/>

Last in the list is email communication. It's definitely worth sending emails and you can use the list of email addresses at:

<http://www.parliament.uk/directories/hciolists/alms.cfm>

Best to write in your own words. By all means copy and paste the title and Early Day Motion text so that the Member of Parliament knows what you

refer to. Let the MP know why you are writing and why you think it's important. If you have read Raw Meaty Bones please tell the MP and suggest reasons why he/she should read the book too.

Lastly, whether you send hard copies, faxes or emails, please do not start with MPs whose names begin with the letter 'A' and then proceed forward. Better to send messages to MPs chosen at random rather than the first few under 'A' getting ALL the messages.

Non UK Residents.

The success of the UKRMB campaign is vital to pets and people the world over. So everyone can throw their weight behind the UK campaign. When the British government rules against the veterinary/pet food industry alliance then other governments are sure to follow.

Whether you live in Timbuktu, Toledo or somewhere in between please tell the British MPs that the world is watching. Tell them that the world will become a better place as a result of the UK Parliamentary action.

Establishing Action Groups

Nothing succeeds like success based on clear ideals and hard work. The latest EDM is testimony to that fact. But how rapid would the changes be if every state and country had an RMB Action Group?

If you and your friends start an action group and lobby your political representatives that would be a major contribution to animal welfare. The folks at UKRMB are ready to help www.ukrmb.co.uk

Please cross-post this newsletter wherever people gather to discuss improvements to pet health, welfare and the wider public good.

Best wishes, Tom Lonsdale