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Dear colleagues,

Following our response to the initial enquiry into the veterinary industry and considering the CMA's findings of this enquiry, Cats Protection would be in favour of a further MIR taking place with the industry.

There was much alignment around the findings of this enquiry and some of the recent work that Cats Protection has done to understand the impact of the veterinary capacity crisis on the charity sector, in particular around the barriers to 'pragmatic' or contextualised care options – you can read more in our report here: [cats-protection-vet-capacity-survey-report-2023.pdf](#). It is our opinion that better access and support to practice contextualised care for the veterinary profession will in turn support owners to access reasonable veterinary care, and we hope this will reduce cats that are relinquished into care due to cost of vet fees.

Whilst we welcome this further investigation, we are also aware of the impact this consultation is having on individuals within veterinary practice at a time of significant challenge. There is a difference between the veterinary industry (that this consultation is looking at) and the veterinary profession (those working within the industry), and we feel that clearer separation of these two groups in communications would better support those working in clinical practice.

Cats Protection would be very happy to support the CMA with this MIR, so please reach out if it is helpful to speak to us further.

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