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Dear Mr David

CONSIDERATION OF PETITIONS [PE1196](#) and [PE1230](#)

Further to your letter dated 13th January 2010, concerning when the study on the risks of tail injuries in dogs and whether the docking of tails reduces the risk of tail injury will be published.

The paper has been submitted to The Veterinary Record for publication. The authors were informed on the 12th January 2010 that the paper has been accepted for publication subject to some minor amendments.

These minor amendments will be completed by the beginning of February 2010 after which the paper will be re-submitted. The time to publication then depends on how long the journal will take to re-review the paper and produce the proofs. The final date of publication will then be at the journal's discretion.

Yours sincerely

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