

MONASH UNIVERSITY Simon Barrett and Beverley Manners of Rutland Manor

**From:** Beverley Manners [<mailto:privatebox@rutlandmanor.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 April 2012 1:30 PM  
**To:** [Simon.Barrett@monash.edu](mailto:Simon.Barrett@monash.edu)  
**Subject:** Monash University and Rutland Manor Breeding and Research Centre  
**Sensitivity:** Confidential

Dr Simon Barrett  
Monash University  
Melbourne.

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your time on the telephone earlier today.

Attached are two documents. One, identifies Monash University's approach to me with a request to conduct studies in conjunction with myself, on cognitive response stimulation procedures in young puppies. The other confirms that Monash Undergraduate Tiffani Howell, under the auspices of Pauline Bennet (then on staff at Monash) commenced visitations at Rutland Manor to observe behaviours of young puppies.

Your open letter which you provided to the 'hate' Wordpress website, in which you disclaimed any connection between myself and Monash University, has added substantial weight to the shredding of my good name via the internet. I therefore respectfully reaffirm my request on the telephone, that you provide me with an open letter for publication, explaining that you were misinformed by members of your research team, as you told me on the telephone earlier today.

Kind regards,

*Beverley*

**From:** Simon Barrett [<mailto:simon.barrett@monash.edu>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 April 2012 12:08 PM  
**To:** Beverley Manners  
**Subject:** RE: Monash University and Rutland Manor Breeding and Research Centre  
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Dear Beverley,

Firstly I should point out that the letter that appears on the website you forwarded was not sent to them by myself. It was a communication sent to Lisa J Ryan in response to communications she had sent to my office and the Minister responsible for the Bureau of Animal Welfare. I can only assume that she forwarded the email communication to the website.

The two points that were included in that letter were, firstly that there was no Monash University sanctioned research being conducted at Rutland Manor or with

Rutland Manor and secondly that the use of Monash University's name on your website was inappropriate.

In regards to the second point, my recollection of events was that the reference to Monash University was removed after Pauleen Bennett spoke with you.

In regards to the first point, I believe Pauleen Bennett explained her position in an email to you, which was copied to me, that they had not commenced research activities or the collection of any data but were in communication with several breeders to identify suitable sites to conduct their research. She also explained the formal process that would need to be followed before any research activities would be sanctioned by Monash and could commence. At the time my office was contacted none of those processes had begun and there was no record of any such project having applied for or receiving Animal Ethics approval.

I have looked at both documents that you provided and do not believe they are contradictory with what the researchers had indicated when this issue arose. Therefore I do not believe I was misinformed by the researchers as you suggested.

I did not consent that my communication with Lisa J Ryan to be made public but I also do not believe the content of the email to be inaccurate. As such I do not believe it would be appropriate for me to issue an "open letter" indicating that the researchers had misinformed me. The information you provided indicate that the researchers had visited your facility in a search for a suitable site. This does not constitute research. Essentially you are requesting that I write a letter indicating that Monash University was involved in research at Rutland Manor and that would be inaccurate.

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**From:** Beverley Manners [mailto:privatebox@rutlandmanor.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 April 2012 5:01 PM  
**To:** 'Simon Barrett'  
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Dear Simon,

Thank you very much for your reply to my earlier correspondence. I read it with great interest, however, it raises more questions than it answers.

1. Why did you correspond with Lisa J Ryan, who is a frequent participant in a number of hate websites, and what attempts did you make to ascertain her activities, credentials, or motivations in asking the questions she did?
2. The hate website in question, has not only unfairly disparaged my reputation, but it has incited violence, and prejudicial action against me and my employees, as well as my business colleagues and associates. I would with respect, remind you that a person in your position has a responsibility to ensure that his correspondences are informed and not liable to cause damage to individuals or businesses.
3. When it was brought to your attention, that the letter you wrote to Lisa J Ryan was published without your permission on a hate website disparaging my reputation, why did you not then request that the letter be withdrawn?

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I believe that mentioning on my website, my joint activities with Monash University Researchers, was both truthful and relevant. If as you claim in your open letter, Monash had no dealings with me nor Rutland Manor, could you please explain to me why researchers from the University had been conducting studies with my animals on my property ?

Over the past fifty years I have liaised with several individuals from overseas institutions, who have come for various periods of time to study my animals since I had created what was an entirely new dog breed with its own unique DNA signature. However in all those years I have never encountered anyone who has denied that they have sought and received my expertise.

Looking forward to your reply and answers to my questions,

Sincerely,

*Beverley*

**From:** Beverley Manners [<mailto:privatebox@rutlandmanor.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 May 2012 12:46 PM  
**To:** 'Simon Barrett'  
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Dear Simon,

I am re-sending this email I sent to you almost two weeks ago in case you have not received it.

Awaiting your response,

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