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To whom it may concern,

I am writing about the reindeer owned by Nick Dean and family of Woodbine Farm, Lutton. These animals are part of their family and are treated as such.

I am the primary vet responsible for their care and am responsible for their routine work and herd health planning. The reindeer have regular health checks, are in good condition and kept to a very high standard. If there are any concerns or issues, they are dealt with immediately; the health and welfare of the reindeer is a priority.

Woodbine reindeer are fully domesticated, enjoying human company and interaction. They are kept free range, in paddocks on the farm. When taken to events, they spend no more than four hours on site and are supervised by two experienced handlers before being transported back to their fields.

I have visited films sets where reindeer have been filmed. I saw no welfare issues posing concerns for their health. I see no reason that the reindeer cannot continue in their current role.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions, either contact the practice or my work mobile is 07825621733.

Yours faithfully,

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