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Dear Editor:

It sounds like so much nonsense for Ross University vice president Peter Goetz to assert that Ross' recent termination of its invasive and deadly surgical training course on healthy dogs was a "coincidence in timing" with PETA's efforts to replace this practice with humane alternatives ("Ross Says PETA Delusional", 2 April). But the important thing is that Ross did stop harming healthy dogs. We at PETA congratulate the university for taking this first important step – whatever the reason may be – towards joining its peer veterinary schools in Britain, none of which conduct harmful invasive or terminal procedures on any animals for teaching purposes.

However, Ross is still conducting invasive and terminal surgeries on donkeys and sheep. PETA recommends that instead of harming healthy animals for teaching purposes, Ross should provide students with an opportunity to learn surgical techniques and other skills in a veterinary teaching hospital.

DeVry, Inc – the Chicago-based parent company of Ross University – has the financial resources necessary to open a veterinary teaching hospital in St Kitts. PETA can provide experts – including the current veterinary hospital director and board-certified veterinary surgeon at Colorado State University – who would be willing to assist Ross in the development of a teaching hospital that would benefit students and animals in the St Kitts community.

A teaching hospital would also greatly benefit the animals in St Kitts. A student at Ross wrote to PETA about how animals are treated in the community: "The dogs are beaten and poisoned regularly. They roam the streets emaciated and flea-ridden. They are run over and left to die or run around on broken limbs. The cats are killed out of spite"

If Ross is as committed to helping animals as Mr Goetz proclaims, we invite Ross officials to meet with PETA to discuss opening a veterinary teaching hospital so that healthy donkeys and sheep may be spared from needless mutilations and so that more attention can be given to helping animals who need veterinary care.

Sincerely,

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