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Mr **H Hoppe**
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Dear Henry

PAWSI

I am writing to formally express Sparsholt College Hampshire's appreciation for the support it has received from PAWSI in setting up and delivering the new NVQ qualifications for animal training and animal training in the audio visual industry.

Sparsholt College is one of the largest landbased colleges in the country delivering educational and training programmes from level 1 further education to BSc degree level. We are the only holders of a centre of vocational excellence (COVE) in the Animal Management and Veterinary Nursing areas.

We are very pleased to be able to add these exciting new qualifications to our curriculum portfolio. Animal behaviour and training generally is becoming an ever more important area for us and for the animal care / training / management industry.

The support PAWSI has provided has been outstanding both in devising the initial qualifications and implementing them. Without the industry leadership of PAWSI these new qualifications would probably never have been initiated or come to fruition.

PAWSI has done a great job in rallying the industry behind these new qualifications, which as you know link to the PAWSI voluntary registration scheme. Not an easy task for an industry which is largely new to NVQ qualifications, and in some areas to qualifications at all.

Applications for these new NVQs have been very pleasing. There are currently 29 in number spread across NVQ level 2-4. These come from a wide spectrum of industry interests including audio visual, circus, events, zoo and theatre personnel.

We look forward to continued success with PAWSI on the successful implementing of their voluntary registration scheme.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

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