

Alexander Trees officially introduced as Baron Trees

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Lord Trees – a parasitologist at the [University of Liverpool](#) – is only the second veterinary surgeon to become a peer. Preceding him was Lord Soulsby of Swaffham Prior.

Being introduced, Lord Trees said: "I Alexander Lord Trees do **solemnly, sincerely and truly declare** and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors, according to law."

Attending Lord Trees' introduction ceremony, RCVS president **Jacqui Molyneux** said: "I [am] delighted to see Lord Trees of the Ross introduced to the [House of Lords](#)."

"It is **excellent** that our relatively small profession now has two representatives in the upper

chamber, and I am sure that Sandy will join Lord Soulsby in making a **significant contribution** to the development of legislation on issues affecting animal health and welfare, science and public health."

Lord Trees said of his appointment: "I am **delighted and humbled** to be appointed as a member of the House of Lords.

"The understanding of science in public policy has never been more important and I look forward to **bringing my experience** and knowledge to the house."

Also welcoming Lord Trees' appointment, the [British Veterinary Association](#) (BVA) president **Carl Padgett** said: "The BVA is **absolutely delighted** at Prof Trees' appointment to the House of Lords. He will bring a **wealth of experience** and scientific expertise into the political arena, not only in the fields of animal health and welfare but also public health, where he has particular knowledge and **experience**."

See coverage of Lord Trees' introduction on the [BBC Democracy Live website](#).

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