**Panellists**

**Professor Nigel French**– Professor of Food Safety and Veterinary Public Health at Massey University / Co-Director of One Heath Aotea

**Professor Michael Baker**- Professor of Public Health at University of Otago

**Dr Mathew Stone** - Deputy Director General – International Standards and Science at the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE)

**Dr Daniella Dos Santos**- President of the British Veterinary Association

**Dr Scott Newman** - Manager for the Africa Regional Initiative, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

**Professor Scott Weese**- Professor for Public Health and Zoonoses at Ontario Veterinary College (OVC), University of Guelph, and Chief of Infection Control at OVC Teaching Hospital

Session chaired by **Anthony Chadwick**, CEO and Founder of The Webinar Vet.

**Panel Discussion**

**Questions that will be discussed by the panellists:**

1. Where did COVID-19 come from - is it a zoonosis?

2. How important are animals in current pandemics and how can we mitigate risk?

3. What is the degree of crossover of COVID -19 between animals and humans and how can we prevent this?

3. NZ has gone for an elimination approach – this is similar to other animal epidemics. What can we learn from this approach?

4. What are the approaches of other countries and are they working?

5. Let’s discuss COVID-19 Surveillance - Should this be in animals and people?

6. Focusing on animal health issues – are animals COVID-19 vectors?

7. The impact on Public health of COVID -19 is wider than the disease itself. It has affected livelihoods, mental and physiological wellbeing. Is this avoidable, inevitable, or can it be better managed?

8. How does COVID-19 affect food safety? Can the virus spread through food?

9. When will an effective COVID-19 vaccine be available and will the vaccine mean the end of the pandemic?

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