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**Bio:**

Alan graduated as a veterinarian in 1967 in the first graduating year of the newly established Veterinary Faculty at Massey University. He then spent 3 years in mixed practice before leaving overseas to commence graduate studies at the Ontario Veterinary College, Canada where he completed an MSc in immunology and experimental surgery. From here he spent 5 years at the forefront of commercialising embryo transplantation technology as a cattle breeding tool in several countries. In 1978 he was appointed senior lecturer in Poultry Pathology at Massey University and over the next 4 years also acted as a consultant to the major manufacturer of pig and poultry feed in NZ. During this time he completed an MBA. In 1982 Alan left Massey to become fully involved in pig and poultry disease management until 1986 when he returned to Massey as the first Director of the newly established Animal Health Services Center. This Center was formed to help link the animal health industry and its interest in developing new veterinary products with access to the expertise and resources at Massey. When Alan left in 2000 the Animal Health Services Center had grown to a professional organisation employing 22 staff members. In 2000 Alan was appointed Head of the Veterinary Clinical Trials Unit at Inveresk Research Ltd, Edinburgh (now Charles River Laboratories) a new company division that also grew into a successful contract research organisation in the UK under his leadership. In 2005 Alan was appointed Head of R&D, Australasia, for Novartis Animal Health, based in Sydney. Alan was lured back to NZ in 2008 to transfer his extensive overseas experiences into Estendart Ltd, a company owned by Massey and formed from the original Animal Health Services Center that Alan started.

Alan has been a JP since 1990 and is also qualified as a professional arbitrator becoming a Fellow of both the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (Lond) and the Arbitrators and Mediators Institute of NZ. He also has a diploma in Dispute Resolution.