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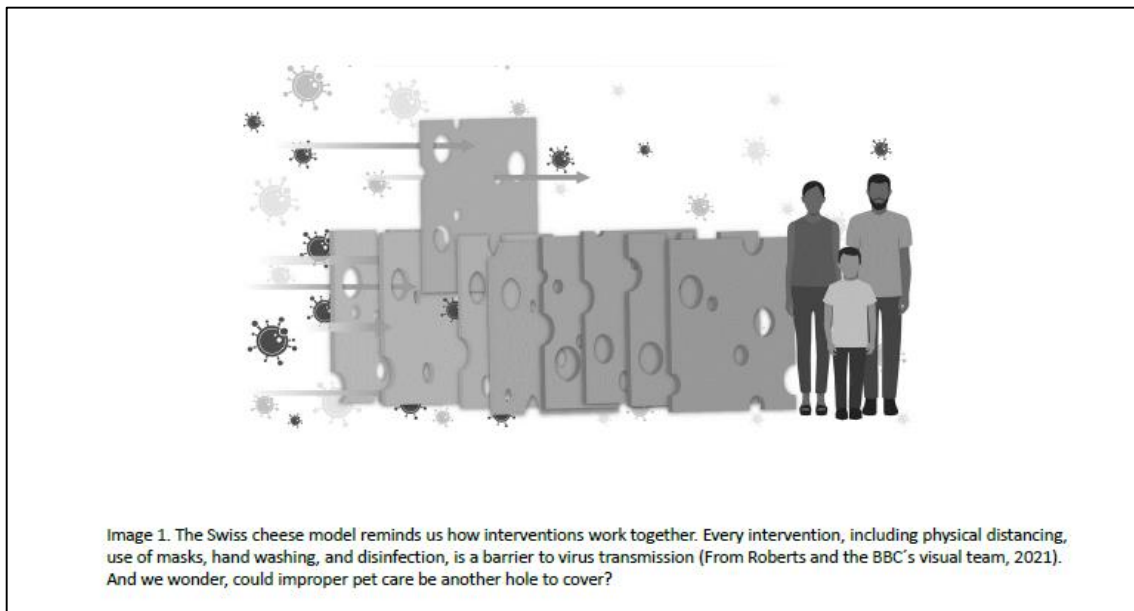
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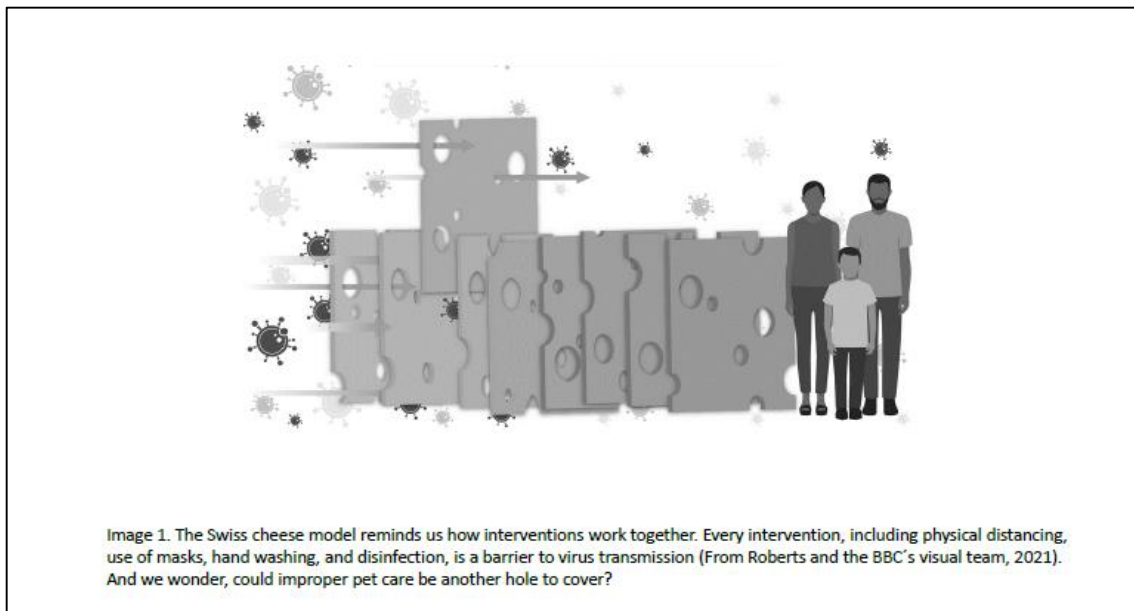
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183 Until then, it is advisable to take precautionary measures to prevent the pet from
184 bringing the virus at home. The veterinary profession, through advice to owners on the
185 handling and care of their pets, is an aspect to consider.

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