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MARS PETCARE COMPLETES ACQUISITION OF ANICURA

AniCura becomes part of family of veterinary businesses

Brussels and Stockholm, 27 November 2018 – Mars Petcare, part of Mars, Incorporated, today announced the successful completion of the AniCura acquisition. On June 11, 2018, Mars announced that it had entered into an agreement to acquire the family of well-known AniCura animal hospitals and clinics. On October 29, Mars obtained antitrust clearance from the European Commission, subject to the divestiture of AniCura’s procurement platform VetFamily.

As all closing conditions have now been fulfilled, AniCura has officially joined Mars Petcare’s family of veterinary care businesses alongside BANFIELD™, BLUEPEARL™, PET PARTNERS™, VCA™ and Linnaeus.

J.P. Morgan Securities plc acted as financial adviser and Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP and Cederquist acted as legal counsel to Mars.

About Mars Petcare

[Mars Petcare](#) is a diverse and growing business with 75,000 Associates across 50+ countries dedicated to one purpose: A BETTER WORLD FOR PETS. With 75 years of experience, our portfolio of almost 50 brands serves the health and nutrition needs of the world’s pets – including brands [PEDIGREE®](#), [WHISKAS®](#), [ROYAL CANIN®](#), [NUTRO™](#), [GREENIES™](#), [SHEBA®](#), [CESAR®](#), [IAMS™](#) and [EUKANUBA™](#) as well as The [WALTHAM Centre for Pet Nutrition](#) which has

advanced research in the nutrition and health of pets for over 50 years. Mars Petcare is also a leading veterinary health provider through a network of over 2,000 pet hospitals including [BANFIELD™](#), [BLUEPEARL™](#), [PET PARTNERS™](#), [VCA™](#) and [Linnaeus](#). We're also active in innovation and technology for pets, with [WISDOM PANEL™](#) genetic health screening and DNA testing for dogs, the [WHISTLE™](#) GPS dog tracker, and [LEAP VENTURE STUDIO](#) accelerator and [COMPANION FUND™](#) programs that drive innovation and disruption in the pet care industry. As a [family business](#) and guided by our principles, we are privileged with the flexibility to fight for what we believe in – and we choose to fight for: A BETTER WORLD FOR PETS.

About AniCura

AniCura is a family of well-known animal hospitals and clinics specialised in veterinary care for companion animals. Born out of the idea that sharing resources can create opportunities for better veterinary care, the company was established in 2011 as the first merger of companion animal hospitals in the Nordic region. Today, AniCura is a role model within specialised veterinary care and a valued partner for pet owners and referring veterinarians across Europe. AniCura offers a wide range of high quality medical services covering preventive and basic health care as well as advanced and specialised diagnostics, internal medicine, intensive care, surgery and orthopaedics. AniCura also provides rehabilitation, physiotherapy and dietary advice and offers selected pet food and care products. AniCura provides modern, high-quality veterinary care for pets at 225 European locations and creates peace of mind for pet owners through excellent access and patient safety. Every year, AniCura's 4,500 passionate veterinary professionals attend to more than two million companion animal patients. AniCura is a trusted training and referral body. For information on how AniCura is working to shape the future of veterinary care, please visit our website <http://www.anicuragroup.com/>

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