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WEBSTER VETERINARY ACQUIRES NEW YORK-BASED DISTRIBUTOR

Webster Veterinary has announced the acquisition of American Veterinary Supply Corporation (AVSC), a full-service veterinary distributor on Long Island that serves approximately 2,000 veterinary practices and hospitals in the New York metropolitan area. With sales of approximately \$25 million, AVSC will operate as a Webster branch. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Headquartered in Bohemia, N.Y., AVSC has a strong reputation for customer service and has established a substantial presence in its regional markets for more than 30 years. The company serves its customers through nine territory sales representatives and 10 in-house customer service representatives.

Webster Veterinary President George Henriques said, "With this acquisition, we are excited to expand the extensive range of products and services available to AVSC customers and bolster our competitive position in the metropolitan New York markets."

About Webster Veterinary

Webster Veterinary, a leading distributor of consumable veterinary supplies, equipment and software, diagnostic products, vaccines and pharmaceuticals to veterinary clinics, is part of the progressive, global Patterson Companies (Nasdaq: [PDCO](#)) family of businesses.

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