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**WEBSTER VETERINARY DISCONTINUES RELATIONSHIP  
WITH MANUFACTURER PARTNER**

Webster Veterinary, a leading national distributor of supplies, equipment, technology, vaccines and pharmaceuticals to veterinary clinics, has discontinued its Companion Animal Health relationship with Bayer Animal Health and will no longer represent this product line.

The action comes as a response to Bayer's recent decision to forego its U.S. policy of selling products only to licensed, practicing veterinarians.

"Webster believes that veterinary professionals provide the highest level of care to our pets and are the best source for providing products, services, instruction and education to support this care," said Webster President George Henriques. "We remain committed to supporting our industry and our veterinary professionals in every possible way."

Webster has a long, proven record of supporting the veterinary profession and providing full-service, practice-enhancing solutions. Webster invests over \$1 million each year in trade shows, continuing education seminars, association meetings and wet labs. In addition, Webster recently acquired significant minority ownership in VetSource – an innovative tool to help clinics protect and increase their pharmacy business and strengthen client relationships.

"While we regret the need to discontinue our relationship with a business partner, we believe it is the right decision for Webster Veterinary and our industry," Henriques said.

**About Webster Veterinary**

Webster Veterinary, is a leading national 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](http://PDCO)) family of businesses. Please visit [www.pattersoncompanies.com/Veterinary](http://www.pattersoncompanies.com/Veterinary) for more information.

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