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**Epicur Pharma Sets a New Standard for Quality and Safety
with 503B Registered Facility for Human and Veterinary Medications**

Stokes Healthcare, a privately-owned business, is excited to announce the launch of its 503B facility to EPICUR PHARMA™.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), in response to well-publicized cases of widely varying compounded drugs, introduced 503B standards to reflect current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP). Stokes Healthcare, which has been trusted by veterinarians since 1975, chose to pursue this certification to offer veterinarians and their clients the highest assurance in patient safety.

According to Stokes Healthcare's president Michael Tursi, "Epicur Pharma sets the bar for high quality animal drug standards, furthering our longstanding commitment to animal health."

Stokes Healthcare is comprised of two key independent business divisions: "Epicur Pharma" (503B facility) and "Stokes Pharmacy®" (503A pharmacy). Each entity must follow different regulations and is guided by different principles. Each division, both located in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, operates out of its own facility and serves customers nationwide.

Epicur Pharma brings a unique advantage to the veterinary industry. The 503B facility manufactures drugs with consistent potency, sterility, and purity from batch to batch. This level of reliability reduces practice liability, improves patient outcomes, and allows veterinarians to fully trust in the medications they use and prescribe. Epicur has the largest selection of manufactured drugs that are traditionally compounded for animal health among current 503B facilities nationwide. Every drug manufactured by Epicur must meet FDA standards and practices. The facility's offerings include drugs such as Tacrolimus eye drops, Buprenorphine Injection, and Gabapentin MINI-MEDS® tablets.

Epicur Pharma is proud to be a pioneer in animal drug standards, furthering a longstanding commitment to animal health. Epicur products are distributed directly to veterinary hospitals from its outsourcing facility and are offered through Stokes Pharmacy for individual patient prescriptions. Epicur's brand of veterinary drug products ensures you are getting the highest quality backed by FDA oversight. Visit www.epicurpharma.com to see the complete product portfolio.

About Stokes Healthcare:

Stokes Healthcare's division, Stokes Pharmacy, has been formulating custom prescription medications for both humans and animals since 1975. It has grown from a small hometown operation to a nationally respected pharmacy. In 2016, Stokes Healthcare developed Epicur Pharma in alignment with the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) recommended guidelines and requirements for producing high quality manufactured drugs. Following current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP), the same regulations in place for human pharmaceutical companies, Epicur is recognized as an FDA registered outsourcing facility, and demonstrates Stokes' commitment to drug consistency and quality and, above all, patient safety. Learn more at www.epicurpharma.com

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