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## Veterinary Hospital Managers Association (VHMA) Welcomes Business Alliance Partner, Epicur ® Pharma

**ALACHUA, FL –** The **Veterinary Hospital Managers Association** (VHMA), an association dedicated to enhancing and supporting veterinary management professionals through education, certification, resources, and networking, announced that **Epicur Pharma**, a company with a long standing commitment to animal health and a pioneer in animal drug standards, is its newest partner. Qualifying companies offering products and services that address the professional business needs of today's veterinary practice are invited to participate in VHMA's sponsor programs.

"With its reputation for producing high-quality, manufactured drugs for the veterinary industry, VHMA is delighted to welcome Epicur Pharma as a partner and are confident that our members, their practices, and patients will benefit from the company's commitment to consistency, quality, and patient safety," said Christine Shupe, CAE, VHMA Executive Director.

"We are thrilled to support VHMA and look forward to educating," says Epicur Pharma/Stokes Healthcare's President Michael Tursi. "Epicur is proud to be one of the first 503B facilities manufacturing drugs for animals. We felt strongly about bringing a higher quality compounded product to the veterinary industry."

## About the VHMA

**The VHMA** is a nationally recognized thought-leader and innovator in providing training, education, and resources to more than 4,000 members and a trusted resource that the veterinary sector relies on for industry insights, research, and advocacy to assure performance at the highest levels. VHMA's core purpose is to advance and support veterinary practice management professionals by developing professional competence, supporting and encouraging standards through the industry's highest-level certification program, the Certified Veterinary Practice Manager (CVPM), and providing individuals with a network for professional connection and support. Learn more

## **About Epicur Pharma**

Adding a unique new offering to the veterinary industry, Epicur® Pharma is a manufacturer, producing drugs such as Tacrolimus Eyedrops, Buprenorphine Injection and Gabapentin tablets. Epicur, a division of Stokes Healthcare, is overseen by the FDA and is considered a 503B Registered Outsourcing Facility. Epicur follows Current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) which are the same rules and regulations as the pharmaceutical companies. As an FDA registered facility, Epicur manufactures drugs with reliable potency and sterility from batch to batch. This reduces veterinary practice liability, improves patient outcomes, and allows veterinarians to fully trust in the medication they prescribe – every time. Unlike traditionally compounded drugs, Epicur products are available for unlimited hospital administration and dispensing when medically necessary. Epicur Pharma is proud to be a pioneer in animal drug standards, offering the largest selection of manufactured drugs that are traditionally compounded.

The Epicur brand of veterinary drug products ensures the highest quality backed by FDA oversight. Epicur products are being distributed directly to veterinary hospitals from its outsourcing facility and offered through Stokes Pharmacy for individual patient prescriptions.

Epicur is proud to be the namesake sponsor of the ACVO/Epicur National Service Animal Eye Exam Event which offers free eye screenings to service animals by veterinary ophthalmologists nationwide in the month of May each year. For more information, go to <u>acvoeyeexam.org</u>.