Dear Subscribers:

We hope that all of you are enjoying the holidays. 2011 has been a very busy year in the animal health industry with many changes. We would anticipate similar activity in 2012 which should keep everyone busy; keep pace.

Happy New Year!!

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Selected news events from the past 12 months of Animal Health News & Notes

ACQUISITIONS, MERGERS, NEW COMPANIES:

12-11 Spectrum Brands acquires FURminator
12-11 AgriLabs launches ProLabs division dedicated to the OTC market
11-11 Virbac and Schweitzer Biotech announce a strategic alliance in the Chinese vaccine market
11-11 IDEXX acquires RADIL laboratory business of the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine
10-11 AAHA acquires My Veterinary Career
10-11 Prinova USA forms Prinova Animal Health
10-11 Prince Agri Products acquires Animate from Granco Minerals
10-11 Ceva acquires Vetech Laboratories and CentaurVA Animal Health
9-11 Imperial Capital Group acquires Nutri-Vet
9-11 MWI acquires Micro Beef Technologies
9-11 Vaxxinova Japan acquires the biologics business of GHEN
9-11 Pet Airways partners with Veterinary Pet Insurance
9-11 IDEXX acquires DVMInsight
9-11 Pfizer announces Chinese joint venture with Jilin Guoyan Animal Health
8-11 Quaker Pet Group acquires Watson’s Senior Pet Supplies
8-11 OtoVet acquires Medrx veterinary video-otoscopic equipment
8-11 Webster acquires American Veterinary Supply Corporation
8-11 Bimeda acquires Phibro division Assin Ltd in Kenya
8-11 Ceva acquires Instituto Sanidad Ganadera in Argentina
8-11 Cargill acquires Provimi
8-11 Mistral Equity Partners acquires Worldwise
8-11 For The Earth acquires Prestige Pet Products and Kat Box King
8-11 Petmate acquires Kennel-Aire
8-11 Petco acquires Complete Petmart
7-11 Zydus acquires Bremer Pharma
7-11 Bimeda forms joint venture with Shijiazhuang Rainbow Laboratories in China
7-11 Ceva forms joint venture with CAF Huadu Group in China
7-11 VCA Antech acquires MediMedia Animal Health (VetStreet)
7-11 VCA Antech acquires BrightHeart Veterinary Centers
6-11 Garmin acquires Tri-Tronics
6-11 Intervet/Schering-Plough announces new name of Merck Animal Health
6-11 Neogen acquires VeroMara seafood testing laboratory
6-11 Hendrix Genetics acquires Lithgows’ Landcatch salmon breeding operations
6-11 ADM Alliance Nutrition acquires Cattleman’s Choice Loomix
6-11 Vetoquinol acquires Farmagricola in Brazil
5-11 Balance Agri-Nutrients, Seales, and Winslow Feeds and Nutrition form joint venture
5-11 Bimeda acquires majority share of Mogivet Farmaceutica in Brazil
5-11 Sumitomo and Unicharm form joint venture to include investment in Hartz Mountain
5-11 Allflex acquires Destron Fearing from Digital Angel
5-11 Manna Pro acquires Corona and Horseman’s Dream animal care brands from Summit Industries
5-11 Church & Dwight acquires Feline Pine cat litter from Nature’s Earth Products
4-11 Intrexon launches Animal Science Division
4-11 Groupe Grimaud and Newsham Choice Genetics announce joint venture with Pen Ar Lan
4-11 Cody Ventures Corp. acquires Paw4mance Pet Products
3-11 Merial and Intervet/Schering-Plough terminate joint venture discussions
3-11 MWI acquires Nelson Laboratories
3-11 Advent International acquires Provimi’s Pet Food division
3-11 Elanco acquires Janssen Animal Health
3-11 Lextron and Leonard Green acquire Animal Health International
3-11 Pfizer acquires King Pharmaceuticals (and Alpharma Animal Health subsidiary)
3-11 MidOcean acquires equity position in FreshPet
2-11 Monsanto acquires Divergence
2-11 Lixit Corp acquires Equitex
2-11 Quaker Pet Group acquires Sherpa Pet Group
2-11 Butler Schein acquires majority interest in McAllister Software Systems
2-11 Nutreco acquires Shihai Co. Ltd.
1-11 Wind Point Partners acquires Doskocil Manufacturing
1-11 Kemin announces the formation of Kemin Vet Innovations
1-11 DuPont acquires Danisco
1-11 H.I.G. Capital acquires majority interest in Pro-Pet LLC.
1-11 Marshall Pet Products acquires Earth’s Balance
PRODUCT LAUNCHES, APPROVALS, LICENSING DEALS:

12-11 Abaxis receives USDA approval for feline use for its VetScan Canine Heartworm Antigen Test
12-11 Abaxis launches a new quantitative Lyme Disease antibody reference laboratory test
12-11 Virbac receives FDA approval for Easotic canine otitis treatment
12-11 NDI launches GaitCheck equine lameness diagnostic
12-11 PDx BioTech launches OraStrip QuickCheck Canine periodontal disease test
12-11 Freedom Health re-launches Succeed Equine Fecal Blood Test
12-11 Purina launches Equine Senior Active Healthy Edge horse feed
12-11 Hubbard Feeds launches Hubbard Life feeds for dogs, cats, horses and poultry
12-11 Modern Veterinary Therapeutics launches FIP Virus Antibody Test Kit
12-11 VPL launches Duralactin Feline Joint Plus Paste
12-11 Bayer launches Lost Pet Alert Network
12-11 Merial receives FDA approval for Longrange (eprinomectin) 100-day parasite treatment
12-11 Pfizer relaunches Restor-A-Flex joint supplement
11-11 FlavoRx launches Digital Flavorist
11-11 Bio Health Solutions launches RenAvast renal supplement
11-11 Eli Lilly receives approval for Pulmotil (tilmicosin) as a VFD sustained in-feed therapy for treating BRD in cattle
11-11 Milk Products launches Ultra Start 150 Plus calf starter product
11-11 Trouw Nutrition launches Rumenac ruminant feed evaluation system
11-11 Global Animal Management launches eyeD Equine Identification System
11-11 Vets Plus launches Probios Soft Chews probiotic supplements for dogs
11-11 AgriLabs receives USDA approval for Titanium 5 L5 and Master Guard 10 vaccines for preventing leptospirosis in cattle
11-11 Pfizer launches Embrex Inovoject m for smaller poultry producers
11-11 Webster Veterinary launches PURdigital radiology products
11-11 PetScreen and TriDelta Development launch Tri-Screen Canine Lymphoma assay kit
11-11 Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica receives FDA approval for Prascend (pergolide) for treating equine Cushing’s disease
11-11 Kinetic Technologies launches Kinetic Vet EquiShield CK Shampoo for horses
10-11 Nuvo Biologics receives MUMS designation for Panavira (alpha-neurotoxoid) for treatment of oral malignant melanoma in dogs
10-11 Veterinary Products Laboratories launches Optima 365 Chewable omega fatty acid supplements
10-11 Mars Veterinary launches Optimal Selection dog breeder DNA test
10-11 Central Animal Health launches Smart Shield applicator for Bio Spot and Adams spot-on
10-11 Pfizer receives EU approval for TruScient (dibotermin-alfa) implant for treating long bone fractures in dogs
10-11 Pfizer relaunches Quest Plus Gel equine dewormer
10-11 IDEXX launches PRRS X3 Antibody Test
10-11 IDEXX launches Canine Distemper Virus Quant RealPCR Test
10-11 PRN Pharmacal launches CitraVet urinary health supplement
9-11 McAllister Software Systems launches AVImark EQ
9-11 scil animal care launches Medici DR Vet digital radiography system
9-11 Richard’s Vet Products launches Veterinary EyeMax eye staining treatment
9-11 Bioniche launches Cue-Mare and Tri-Otic Ointment in Australia, and Peridan Concentrate in North America
9-11 Vet’s Promise launches a custom label program for independent pet stores
9-11 DSM Nutritional Products launches Ronozyme HiPhos phytase feed additive
9-11 scil animal care launches Vital Health Liver and Kidney test panels
9-11 Mars Veterinary launches Wisdom Panel Purebreed and Wisdom Panel Designer Dog tests
9-11 Merck launches Zuprevo (tildipirosin) antibiotic for cattle
8-11 Greenies launches veterinary-exclusive dental chews
8-11 Hill’s launches Prescription Diet y/d Feline Thyroid Health pet food
8-11 Novartis launches Parastar Plus for dogs with fipronil and cyphenothrin
8-11 Pet King launches Zymox Enzymatic Ear and Skin Care veterinary line
8-11 Teva relaunches the Luxury You Trust (LYT) line of grooming products
8-11 Trouw launches MaxCare CeSius Mineral Supplement for dairy cows
8-11 scil launches Spotchem EL electrolyte analyzer
8-11 IDEXX launches SNAP BVD Test
8-11 Pegasus Labs announces FDA approval for PRN Pharmacal’s Proin (PPA)
8-11 Equi-Force launches Equivitia equine probiotic
8-11 IDEXX launches Bovine Pregnancy Test
8-11 Novartis announces FDA and EU approval for Atopica for Cats
8-11 Farnam launches Ambush Insecticide, Equifusion 2-in-1 Shampoo & Conditioner, Reach Joint Supplement and Shur Hoof Supplement
8-11 Dechra licenses SentrX’s EquitrX Wound Healing Spray Gel and Corneal Repair Gel Drops
8-11 Pfizer launches Foster PCV single-dose swine vaccine
7-11 Standard Process launches Canine Flex Support nutritional supplement
7-11 Veterinary Products Laboratories launches Duralactin Equine Pellets
7-11 Merck receives FDA approval for Incurin (estriol) treatment for canine urinary incontinence
7-11 BioVeteria licenses Canadian Arthritis Network’s cartilage and bone repair technology
7-11 McAllister launches Bulldog Series computers for veterinary clinics
4-11 Sergeant’s launches FiproGuard Plus and Pronyl OTC Plus generic fipronil
4-11 McAllister launches Bulldog Series computers for veterinary clinics
4-11 Bayer received EU approval for Procox (toltrazuril) for treating roundworms and coccidia in dogs
4-11 Ceva announced the UK launch of Fiprospot generic fipronil
4-11 Pfizer announces FDA approval of Improvest for temporary castration and reduction of boar taint
4-11 FidoPharm launches PetArmor generic fipronil
4-11 Modern Veterinary Therapeutics launches Schebo-Elastase 1 Canine Feces Test for diagnosis of Exocrine Pancreatic Insufficiency
4-11 Abbott launches a line of veterinary IV crystalloid solutions
4-11 Bio-Vet launches ParturX supplement for fresh cows
4-11 SecuraTrac launches SecuraPAL pet locating technology
4-11 Intervet/Schering-Plough launches Circumvent PCV M swine vaccine
4-11 Novartis receives FDA approval for Onsior (robenacoxib) for managing postoperative pain in cats
4-11 Thorne Vet launches ImmunoVET bovine serum immunoglobulin
4-11 KMG Chemicals launches Buzz Off equine insecticide
4-11 Danisco launches Axtra XAP multi-enzyme product for broiler diets
3-11 Pharmacosmos receives FDA approval for Uniferon (iron dextran) for baby pigs
3-11 AB Science receives FDA approval for Kinavet (mastinib) for treating mast cell tumors in dogs
3-11 Novus introduces Cibenza DP100 dietary enzyme for poultry
3-11 Ceva launches Vectormune HVT-NDV poultry vaccine for Newcastle and Marek’s disease
3-11 Farnam launches Bio-Spot Defense F&T spot-on for dogs with etofenprox and S-methoprene
3-11 Aratana Therapeutics acquires two licenses from RaQualia Pharma to develop compounds for pain management and appetite enhancement in companion animals
3-11 Nylabone launches Nylabone Cat Toys and Treats
3-11 Teva relaunches Free Form Tip Snips OFA supplement
3-11 Vet-DC licenses Gilead Sciences’ investigational molecule for cancer treatment in dogs
2-11 Boehringer Ingelheim Vetmedica launches Buscopan 20 (hyoscine butylbromide) antispasmodic for horses and calves
2-11 Novartis licenses Intervet/Schering-Plough’s patent for pancreas disease vaccine in salmon
2-11 AgriLabs launches Achieve with Cryptex scours prevention
2-11 Norbrook Laboratories receives FDA approval for Hexasol (oxytetracycline) injection for cattle
2-11 Thorne Research launches Thorne Vet line of animal health products
2-11 Pfizer launches Invocox EM1 poultry coccidiosis vaccine
2-11 Virbac announces the launch of Remend Corneal Repair Drops for dogs and cats
2-11 Abbott introduces a new line of IV sets for veterinary use
2-11 Wedgewood Pharmacy introduces Medi-melts and Quad tabs
2-11 Bayer launches Advantage II and Advantix IIF&T products
2-11 Thorne BioScience receives FDA approval for SucroMate (deslorelin) for use in horses
2-11 Teva announces the relaunch of Synovi G3 joint supplements
1-11 iVet announces a partnership with Dechra Pharmaceuticals to distribute pet foods in North America
1-11 Hill's launches Science Diet Healthy Advantage veterinary-exclusive pet foods
1-11 Midmark launches Tidalguard HD capnograph and digital pulse oximeter
1-11 Elanco launches Trifexis (spinosad + milbemycin) broad-spectrum parasiticide for dogs
1-11 Merial licenses Centegen’s proprietary vaccine to reduce staphylococcal infections in ruminants
1-11 Merial signs a license with Vivalis to develop a veterinary vaccine
1-11 IDEXX launches the SNAP Total T4 test
1-11 Smiths Medical launches the SurgiVet V1030 Hand Held Pulse Oximeter
1-11 Pfizer launches Epitopix’ E. coli Bacterial Extract vaccine for cattle
1-11 Elanco launches Assurity (spinetoram) topical flea control for cats
1-11 Veterinary Products Laboratories introduces Duralactin Canine Joint Plus Soft Chews
PRN Pharmacal introduces CranMate Nutritional Supplements
Biogal-Galed Labs and Modern Veterinary Therapeutics launch Canine VacciCheck
Cardinal Pet Care introduces Remedy + Recovery line of pet first-aid products
RenovoCyte licenses MediStem’s stem cells for use in veterinary applications

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