



CERBA HEALTHCARE CONTINUES ITS EXPANSION IN THE VETERINARY SECTOR

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CERBA HEALTHCARE has announced the acquisition of ANTAGENE, a major player in veterinary genetics, consolidating its position in the veterinary diagnosis sector.

Active for nearly 50 years in the domain of Human Medical Biology, CERBA HEALTHCARE set up the company CERBA VET in late 2015 dedicated to the Veterinary Biology, specially for pets and horses.

Avant-garde technical equipment featuring the latest and best analysis systems has been installed near Paris. CERBA VET currently offers veterinarians all over France and internationally a global range of exams and medical expertise when it comes to biology and anatomo-cytopathology.

ANTAGENE is a major player in France and internationally when it comes to veterinary genetic testing for certification of origin and prevention of genetic diseases, mainly in dogs and cats. The acquisition enables CERBA HEALTHCARE to extend its diagnostic offer through its veterinary centre to veterinarians and breeders.

In order to support the development of ANTAGENE alongside CERBA VET, the group will rely on an experienced management team in the domain of veterinary genetics who were responsible for creating ANTAGENE.

CERBA VET and ANTAGENE will introduce complementarities and synergies enabling them to reach new heights in terms of their offer of exams and veterinary expertise, while retaining a local, personalised service and improving its availability and medical support offer.

“We are delighted to be welcoming ANTAGENE to our Group”, stated Catherine Courboillet, CEO of CERBA HEALTHCARE. “This acquisition fits with our medium-term strategy. We are looking to broaden our areas of expertise in veterinary diagnostics and in this regard, the arrival of ANTAGENE is an important step in our development. Our respective teams will work hand in hand to make ANTAGENE and CERBA VET long-lasting benchmarks in the veterinary world.”

Guillaume QUENEY, CEO and founder of ANTAGENE, explained: “The combination of CERBA VET's proficiency in veterinary biology and our globally recognised expertise in DNA technologies and more specifically in the domains of hereditary diseases, molecular genetics, animal genomics and medical genetics will enable us to provide unprecedented added value to veterinarians and breeders.”

About CERBA HEALTHCARE

The group has a presence in three complementary segments:

- Routine medical biology, mainly in France, Belgium and Luxembourg, with more than 300 laboratories, 150 specimen collection centres and 50 technical platforms.
- Specialist medical biology, through its historic laboratory serving more than 50 countries in Europe, Africa and Asia.
- Clinical trial biology—essential in the process of development of new molecules by the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry—through its subsidiaries set up across the 5 continents.

Recently CERBA HEALTHCARE diversified in the veterinary biology market by creating CERBA VET, a dedicated entity.

It has almost 4,200 employees including 350 biologists. In 2015, its consolidated turnover was €605 million.

<http://www.cerbahealthcare.com>

About CERBA VET

As a veterinary anatomico-cytopathology and biology company, CERBA VET offers veterinarians a comprehensive service:

- National coverage
- Accredited transport, specialised in the transport of biological samples conforming with regulations
- A technical platform at the forefront of technology
- A complete panel of analysis covering all domains of expertise in veterinary diagnosis for domestic animals and horses
- A multi-discipline team consisting of veterinarians and technicians

Based near Paris (France), CERBA VET employs 10 people including 4 veterinarians.

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About ANTAGENE

As a specialist in veterinary genetics for dogs and cats, ANTAGENE develops, produces and markets more than 100 DNA tests in around 50 countries for the diagnosis and prevention of genetic diseases and for certification of origin of pets.

More than 80,000 clients worldwide, mainly breeders and veterinarians, have used ANTAGENE solutions.

ANTAGENE's ambition is to guarantee very reliable results and to constantly improve the quality of services in order to provide maximum satisfaction to clients and to help improve the health and wellbeing of animals.

ANTAGENE's expertise, globally recognised in the domain of DNA testing on dogs and cats, lies in the skills of a highly qualified team, a laboratory with the latest equipment, rigorous quality standards and a close relationship with the breeding and veterinarian worlds.

Based near Lyon (France), ANTAGENE employs 18 people.

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