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World-leading specialists join AniCura Netherlands

AniCura, one of Europe's leading providers of high-quality veterinary care for companion animals, recruits three European specialists (Diplomates) in veterinary ophthalmology and surgery who are all well-known lecturers around the world. Their expertise will be important to realise AniCura's vision to shape the future of European veterinary care.

The team at AniCura Specialistische Dierenkliniek Utrecht (S.D.U.) will welcome Dr. Gert ter Haar, former Associate Professor/Head of the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) and Dr. Rick F Sanchez, Head of the ophthalmology service respectively at the Royal Veterinary College of the University of London. The newly opened specialist referral centre, AniCura Specialistisch Verwijscentrum Haaglanden, located in The Hague area, has welcomed Dr. Lars Theyse, former Professor in small animal orthopaedic surgery also at the Royal Veterinary College.

– I am pleased to welcome Dr. Sanchez, Dr. Ter Haar and Dr. Theyse to AniCura Netherlands. They all have outstanding references and are world-famous in their respective fields. These recruitments prove that AniCura has a strong position as an attractive employer for leading specialists, says Jakko Vincken, Business Area Manager Netherlands.

Dr. Ter Haar, Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS), and Dr. Sanchez, Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists (ECVO), are highly skilled surgeons and clinicians with extensive experience in the fields of soft tissue surgery. Dr. Ter Haar and Dr. Sanchez are also well-known lecturers in their disciplines around the world, have published numerous scientific articles, authored books and are regularly invited to national and international lectures. At S.D.U., Dr. Sanchez and Dr. ter Haar will be clinicians first and foremost, but they will also lead the development of a specialized polyclinic for brachycephalic animals in order to safeguard, protect and improve the welfare of this specific group of short-muzzled dogs.

– Our team at the S.D.U. consists, almost exclusively, of board-certified European specialists (Diplomates), and the expertise of Dr. Ter Haar and Dr. Sanchez will greatly enhance our service range, says Edgar Scheepens, Practice Manager AniCura Specialistische Dierenkliniek Utrecht.

– We are impressed with the working methods of AniCura – the focus on evidence-based medicine, the wide-ranging network of veterinary competence and the excellent possibilities for continuing professional development, say Dr. Gert Ter Haar and Dr. Rick F. Sanchez in a joint statement.

Prof. Dr. Lars Theyse, Diplomate of the European College of Veterinary Surgeons (ECVS) and member of the ECVS Examination Committee, has vast experience in research as well as clinical work in orthopaedic surgery, oral and craniofacial surgery and neurosurgery. At AniCura Specialistisch Verwijscentrum Haaglanden, he will carry out both emergency surgery and planned surgical procedures.

– AniCura Specialistisch Verwijscentrum Haaglanden offers a very high level of expertise, on par with what I have experienced at the universities in Utrecht and at the Royal Veterinary College in London. In combination with the modern facilities, the high standard diagnostic equipment such as MRI and CT, the technical support and a high case load, this presents a very attractive opportunity, says Prof. Dr. Lars Theyse.

Prof. Dr. Lars Theyse has assumed his position at AniCura Specialistisch Verwijscentrum Haaglanden while Dr. Rick Sanchez and Dr. Gert Ter Haar will assume their positions at S.D.U. in March 2017.

These new appointments reinforce AniCura's position as a leader in specialised veterinary care in the Netherlands with a Dutch team comprising approximately 12 European specialists (Diplomates).

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About AniCura

AniCura is a family of well-known animal hospitals and clinics specialised in veterinary care for companion animals. Born out of the idea that sharing resources creates opportunities for better veterinary care, the company was established in 2011 as the first merger of companion animal hospitals in the Nordic region. Today, AniCura is a role model within specialised veterinary care and a valued partner for pet owners and referring veterinarians across Europe.

The company offers a wide range of high quality medical services covering preventive and basic health care as well as advanced diagnostics, internal medicine, intensive care, surgery and orthopaedics. AniCura also provides rehabilitation, physiotherapy and dietary advice and offers selected pet food and care products.

AniCura provides modern, high-quality veterinary care for pets at 130 European locations and creates peace of mind for pet owners through excellent access and patient safety. Every year, AniCura's 2 500 passionate veterinary professionals attend to more than one million companion animal patients. AniCura is a trusted training and referral body.

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