

Press Release

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## Vågsbygd Dyreklinikk joins AniCura

*AniCura, one of Europe's leading providers of high-quality veterinary care for companion animals, continues to grow in Norway with the acquisition of Vågsbygd Dyreklinikk in Sørlandet. For Vågsbygd Dyreklinikk, the collaboration with AniCura means greater opportunities for developing skills and competence as well as an improved care offering to customers.*

Vågsbygd Dyreklinikk outside Kristiansand, formerly ABC Dyreklinikk, was founded in 2001 by veterinarian Sigurd Bjørtvedt. One year later, veterinarian Erling Frivold joined as a partner and today the clinic's team comprises seven veterinary professionals.

The clinic is centrally located in Vågsbygd and carries out everything from diagnostics to treatment, primarily on dogs, cats and other small animals. In addition to clinical examinations and general care, the clinic offers specialized skills within surgery, odontology, cardiology and neurology. Approximately 6 000 patients visit the clinic each year and customers are also offered a mobile veterinary service for select treatments.

Premises are well appointed and fully equipped with x-ray, ultrasound, its own laboratory and a full range of endoscopic equipment. The clinic is open every weekday and also operates an around-the-clock service with AniCura Dyreklinikk Sørlandet at the weekends.

– We're right in the middle of an intense time period with significant growth in the number of customers. It feels truly exciting to be part of AniCura in Norway and the growing collaboration between the region's AniCura clinics. We're convinced that participating in a network with so many able colleagues will raise our veterinary skills, say veterinarians Sigurd Bjørtvedt and Erling Frivold.

– It's a great pleasure to welcome Vågsbygd Dyreklinikk and its personnel to AniCura Norge and our wider European family of animal hospitals and clinics. We continue our quest to provide Norwegian pet owners an excellent presence and top-quality veterinary care throughout the country, says Øyvind Johnsen Brøgger, Business Area Manager, Norway.

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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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