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Mars Petcare and AniCura double investments in veterinary research

AniCura's new owner Mars Petcare has decided to double the size of the AniCura Research Fund, which was established in 2015 to support clinical research in veterinary medicine and improve animal health.

Every year, AniCura's Research Fund provides funding to clinical research projects of high scientific quality. Since the fund was established in 2015, more than 40 research projects have received funding. Now, AniCura's new owner Mars Petcare decided to double the size of the AniCura Research Fund.

- Together with AniCura, we share a joint belief that clinical research is paramount to advance veterinary medicine and improve animal health. By funding clinical research projects of high quality, we also provide opportunities for our veterinary professionals to grow and develop, says Alejandro Bernal, President Mars Veterinary Health International.

AniCura's Scientific Council evaluates applications to the AniCura Research Fund and decides which projects to support. Projects that receive funding should fulfil certain criteria around academic quality, potential for publication in a scientific, peer-reviewed veterinary journal and potential to improve treatment methods.

- We are pleased to receive this significant contribution to the AniCura Research Fund. Veterinary research outside universities often lack financing, and the fund plays an important role in promoting clinical research across Europe, says Anna Tidholm, chairman AniCura's Scientific Council.

The research projects that will receive funding from AniCura's Research Fund in 2019 will be announced in June.

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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.

AniCura 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 250 European locations and creates peace of mind for pet owners through excellent access and patient safety. Every year, AniCura's 5,000 passionate veterinary professionals attend to 2.5 million companion animal patients. AniCura is a trusted training and referral body.

For information on how AniCura is working to shape the future of veterinary care, please visit our website www.anicuragroup.com