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**WEBSTER VETERINARY AND VETSOURCE PARTNER;
WEBSTER ACQUIRES MINORITY OWNERSHIP**

Webster Veterinary has announced a strategic partnership with VetSource that includes an equity investment giving Webster significant minority ownership in the business.

Webster serves as a national leader in providing services, supplies, equipment and technology to the veterinary market. VetSource operates as an online pharmacy and growing national platform for pharmaceutical services and home delivery of leading pet care products.

“This exciting partnership leverages the technology solutions and services of both Webster and VetSource to meet the most critical needs of veterinary practices in today’s rapidly evolving marketplace,” Webster President George Henriques said. “Our shared commitment to driving value to veterinary practices through innovative technology and services makes this partnership an ideal scenario for practitioners. Veterinary professionals now have more of the most relevant solutions to enhance virtually every area of the practice – all available from one, convenient source.”

Focal areas of the partnership will include improving pet owner medication compliance and veterinary practice revenue through home delivery and pharmacy services; elevating efficiency through innovative inventory management tools; and providing client education and practice-marketing programs that increase client contacts and strengthen relationships.

“Webster, like VetSource, has established a strong, effective business model based on developing solutions that help clients improve their business,” said VetSource President and CEO David Laurance. “Together, veterinary professionals will benefit from an unsurpassed array of solutions to protect and grow their business.”

About Webster Veterinary

Webster Veterinary, the nation’s second leading distributor of consumable veterinary supplies, equipment and software, diagnostic products, vaccines and pharmaceuticals to veterinary clinics, is part of the progressive, global Patterson Companies (Nasdaq: PDCO) family of businesses. Please visit www.pattersoncompanies.com/Veterinary for more information.

About Strategic Pharmaceutical Solutions, Inc.

Strategic Pharmaceutical Solutions, Inc., which conducts business as VetSource, is a North American leader in the home delivery of companion-animal pharmaceutical products and pet nutrition. The company works with veterinarians to enhance the veterinarian-client-patient relationship by supporting practitioners through professional pharmacy services. Please visit www.vetsource.com for more information.

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