



# THE CONNECTOR

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Welcome to The Connector. Fetching the freshest animal health news.



## 3 Things You Need to Know



**Elanco Animal Health announces \$130 million expansion in Elwood, Kansas, creating 70 new jobs.**

This expansion will support the growth of **Elanco's** monoclonal antibody manufacturing, crucial for producing their Canine Parvovirus Monoclonal Antibody (CPMA)—the only USDA-approved treatment for parvovirus, impacting 330,000 dogs annually in the U.S.

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**Dechra Pharmaceuticals Limited (Dechra) announces the upcoming acquisition of Invetx.**

Dechra Pharmaceuticals Limited (Dechra) has announced its upcoming acquisition of Invetx, a leader in developing protein-based therapeutics for companion animals. This strategic move will significantly bolster Dechra's pipeline of innovative products for dogs and cats, enhancing their specialty therapeutics portfolio and marking their entry into the high-growth monoclonal antibodies market. To read the full release, click [here](#).

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**Save the Date: Join us for our Fall Networking Event!**

Mark your calendars for an exciting evening of networking at the upcoming Animal Health Corridor Fall Networking Event! Join us on October 15th from 4 PM to 6 PM at Norbrook, located at 9733 Loiret Boulevard, Lenexa, KS 66219. Don't miss this opportunity to expand your network and foster new collaborations within our vibrant Animal Health Corridor community.

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**Lift While You Climb: Supporting Others on the Ladder to Success**

As we approach the Animal Health Summit, it's important to remember where we started and how we can support other organizations as we strive to improve the industry, our community and world.

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**With nationwide distribution and a new brand, KeraVet Gel establishes a new standard of care.**

**Purdue and Akston Biosciences sign partnership agreement for dog cancer drug development.**

**Adora secures US patent for pain treatment using stable sulfated glycosaminoglycan formulations.**

**The American Royal announces the appointment of new board members.**

**C&F partners with Kansas State University Olathe to support animal health data analytics scholarships.**

**Elanco releases 2023 environment, social and governance report, delivering healthier outcomes for animals, people, planet and enterprise.**

**Technology Development Institute and GO Topeka partner to develop new hypoallergenic pet foods.**

**Anvive receives a NIAID contract worth up to \$33 million to progress Valley Fever vaccine.**

**Heinen Brothers - Kelly Hills announces FAA approved unmanned aerial system test range and August 22 field day.**

**Merck Animal Health completes acquisition of Elanco's aqua business.**

**USDA approves Merck Animal Health's NOBIVAC® NXT Canine Flu H3N2 – the first and only RNA-Particle Technology Vaccine for canine influenza.**

**ILRI welcomes Dr. Fabian Kausche as the new Deputy Director General of Research and Innovation.**

**KeraVet Bio expands distribution nationwide.**

**CVM professor Carolyn Henry named new ReCHAI Director.**

**Emergency and critical care society recertifies MU veterinary health center.**

**MU CVM faculty members earn promotion and tenure.**

**The Animal Health Regulatory Affairs Conference, focusing on navigating USDA and FDA compliance, will take place from September 17-19, 2024.**

**Understanding the role of AI in pet nutrition and how technology is shaping the future of pet food.**

**Unraveling the copper controversy: lessons learned from JAVMA's first retraction in 180 years.**

**Popular functional ingredients in the pet food industry.**



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