



THE CONNECTOR

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

IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW



Kimberly Young Featured In *Women's Business Daily*

KC Animal Health Corridor President Kimberly Young was recently profiled by *Women's Business Daily* in a powerful interview about leadership, resilience, and building one of the world's most influential industry clusters. From high-stakes negotiations to work-life integration, Kimberly shares what it means to lead with purpose and on your own terms

FULL FEATURE



Remembering Ron Brakke

The Animal Health Corridor extends its deepest condolences to the Brakke family and to the dedicated team he built at [Brakke Consulting](#).

Ron Brakke was not only a pioneer in animal health consulting, but also a passionate advocate for the industry for more than six decades. His unwavering support and visionary leadership were instrumental in shaping the early years of the Animal Health Corridor, and his contributions were honored with the 2014 Iron Paw Award.

Ron's legacy will continue to inspire and influence the animal health community for years to come. We are grateful for his many contributions and mourn the loss of a true industry icon.

READ MORE ABOUT RON BRAKKE



Fall Networking at Vytelle

Join us October 21 from 4-6 p.m. at [Vytelle](#) for an evening of networking with animal health professionals and Corridor colleagues. Mark your calendar now and watch for registration details soon.

SAVE THE DATE



Letting Go to Further Grow in Life & Business

As I drop my son off for his freshman year of college, I realize the parallels between business and life's challenging moments. It's important we trust the process, because discomfort is where we all grow.

READ FULL BLOG

INDUSTRY NEWS

Hill's President, Yvonne Hsu, honored as "Pet CEO of the Year" in the Pet Innovation Awards Program

Elanco Animal Health Reports Second Quarter 2025 Results

Zoetis Announces Second Quarter 2025 Results, Raises Full Year 2025 Outlook

Merck & Co., Inc., Rahway, N.J., USA Announces Second-Quarter 2025 Financial Results

Akston Expands Leadership Team with Appointment of Two Veterinarians to Advance First-in-Class Biologics for Pet

USDA Operations Leave Washington D.C. for Five New Locations, Kansas City Is One of Them

New Scientific Review Program Manager Named to Oversee Ingredient Submissions Pathway

BiomEdit Advances First-of-Its-Kind Engineered Bacteria Product to Final Development Phase, Secures Series B Funding and Adds Key Industry Leadership

Plug and Play Topeka Announce the First Agtech and Animal Health Cohorts for Their Newly Restructured Nine-Month Program

Trade Secret Protection in the Animal Health and Animal Science Sector

Advancing Drug Development with Non-Liquid Matrix Bioanalysis

Merck Animal Health Announces FDA Approval of EXZOLT™ (Fluralaner Oral Solution) for Chickens, the First Systemic Treatment for Northern Fowl Mites

Connect Veterinary Consulting Announces New Service Offering

From the Livestock Barn to the Pageant Stage, the Missouri State Fair Offers Young Agriculturalists Unique Leadership Roles

AVMA and ACVIM Honor Joan Coates

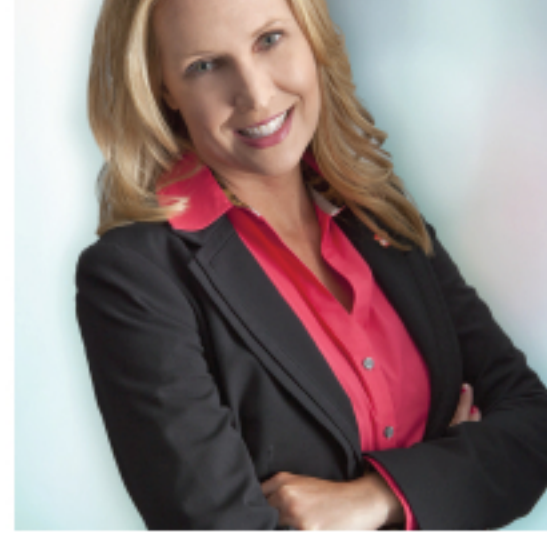
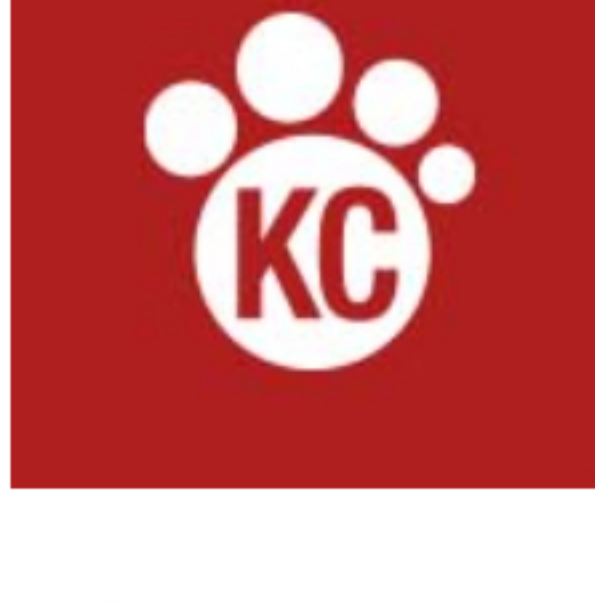
White Label vs. Private Label: What's the Difference—and Where's the Opportunity

'Mini Farm Bill' Funds National Animal Disease Research and Management

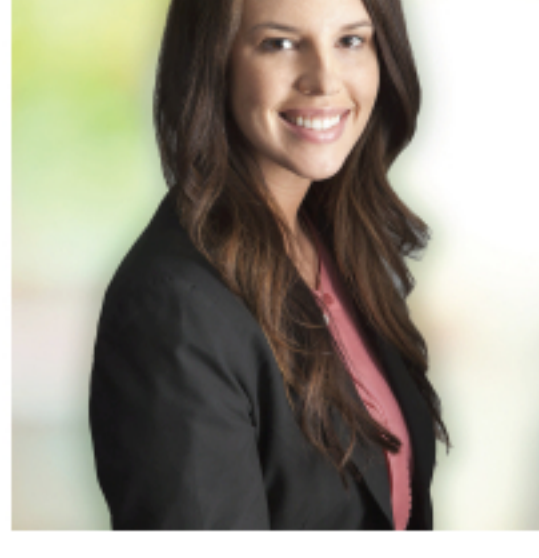
Pet Care Innovation Prize Applications Now Open

Hill's Pet Nutrition's 2025 State of Shelter Pet Adoption Report Reveals Why Pets Still Wait In Shelters

Shelter Pets Get Their Big Break as Actor Josh Hutcherson Joins Hill's Pet Nutrition During Annual NBCUniversal Local's Clear The Shelters



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