MISSION STATEMENT
The animal health industry provides value to society by protecting animals and as a consequence, humans, from diseases. Our products help keep pets and food-producing animals healthy. The public health benefits we bring include safer and more secure food supplies, more efficient production for increased food supply, improved sustainability, and prevention of the transmission of zoonotic diseases.

INNOVATION IN ANIMAL HEALTH

1761 1st veterinary school founded in Lyon, France

1880s 1st anthrax vaccine and rabies vaccine developed

1910s 1st US veterinary licence issued for production of antihog-cholera serum

1930s 1st foot and mouth disease vaccine developed

1950s 1st veterinary antibiotics licensed in the US and Europe
Development of rinderpest vaccine
Brucellosis virtually eliminated in the US

1960s Rabies vaccine widely available in Western world, leading to effective control of disease
Discovery of thiabendazole, the 1st benzimidazole anthelmintic

1970s Discovery of avermectins, revolutionising parasite-control in veterinary and human medicine

1980s Development of new mechanisms for antiparasitics for livestock and pets as well as products for reproduction management
Development of modern foot and mouth disease vaccine

1990s Intense development of modern veterinary therapeutics: better pain management, better anaesthetics for surgery and 1st behavioural medicine for pets

2000s Development of west nile virus vaccine for horses
Development of avian flu vaccine in response to human and bird flu pandemic

2005 1st DNA vaccine authorised, pioneering a new technology now also used in human medicine

2005-2010 1st authorised cancer treatment for pets

2011 Rinderpest officially eradicated – only 2nd disease eliminated by global programmes