

Fact sheet – About Healthfor Animals

Who is HealthforAnimals?

HealthforAnimals is the global representative body of companies engaged in research, development, manufacturing and commercialisation of veterinary medicines, vaccines and other animal health products in both developed and developing countries across the five continents.

HealthforAnimals represents both **animal health companies** (10) **and national/regional** animal health **associations** (29). These associations comprise both local small and medium-sized enterprises and international companies. Overall, these companies represent approximately **80%** of the global market for animal health products.

HealthforAnimals is an international non-profit organisation registered under Belgian law based in Brussels, Belgium.

Why does HealthforAnimals exist?

- To foster a greater understanding of animal health;
- To promote a predictable, science-based regulatory environment that facilitates the supply of innovative, quality products into a competitive market place. These products contribute to the supply of safe, healthy food, and to high standards of health and welfare for animals and people.

What does Healthfor Animals do?

- Act as a unified global industry voice in dialogue with major international bodies (OIE¹, FAO², WHO³, Codex, WTO⁴, etc.), governments, animal health stakeholders, food industry partners and consumers.
- Encourage and assist the development of predictable science-based regulatory processes and standards where authorisation and approval to market medicines is firmly rooted in a thorough riskbenefit analysis.
- **Promote international harmonisation** of testing requirements for animal health products to facilitate the availability and delivery of new and innovative products worldwide.
- Act as a source of information on the benefits of animal health products for animal health and welfare, food and safety and public health.
- Actively promote the value of research-based medicines developed to the highest standards and authorised according to the regulatory criteria of quality, safety and efficacy.
- Ensure the availability of all classes of veterinary medicines to the benefit of animal health and welfare, and promote their responsible use.
- **Provide expertise on emerging diseases** and fulfil its role as part of the solution to control these diseases in animal.

¹ World Organisation for Animal Health

² UN Food and Agriculture Organisation

³ World Health Organisation

⁴ World Trade Organisation

Who are HealthforAnimals' members? **Animal health companies**















Member associations Europe

























United Kingdom NOAH



Africa

South Africa SAAHA



North America

Canada CAHI







South America

Argentina CAPROVE



Brazil SINDAN



Chile ALAVET



Asia/Pacific

Australia AMA





Indonesia **ASOHI**





India **INFAH**











HealthforAnimals' Executive Director



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The Executive Director, **Carel du Marchie Sarvaas**, leads the HealthforAnimals team, based in Brussels, Belgium since March 2014.

He previously worked as Director of Agricultural Biotechnology at EuropaBio, the European Association for Bioindustries, for some 4 years. Carel has also worked at international consultancies and think tanks in Brussels and Washington DC, most often serving clients with science-based policy and communications challenges.

Carel is experienced in the interplay between regulatory, political and communications issues as they relate to science, innovation and policy. A Dutch national, he is married and has four children. He has lived in South Africa, Canada, Brussels, and Paris and holds degrees from the University of Leiden and Johns Hopkins University.

Key figures

Animal health market

- The total value of the world market of animal health products in 2014 was 23.9 billion US dollars. By product groups, pharmaceuticals represented 62%, biologicals 26% and medicinal feed additives 12%.
- **By animal groups**, products for food-producing animals constituted 59%, and the remaining 41% went to companion animals/other.
- **By regions**, the Americas were the biggest market (47%), followed by Europe (31%) and others (23%) (Source: Vetnosis Ltd., 2015)

World animal population

Food-producing animals:

• Cattle: 1.6 billion

• Sheep/goats: 2.1 billion

• Pigs: 1 billion

• Poultry:

o 63 billion poultry (meat birds) slaughtered

o 6.9 billion laying hens

(Source: FAO inventory data (2013))

Pets:

Dogs: 223 million (excludes strays)Cats: 220 million (excludes strays)

(Source: Vetnosis Ltd. (2010 data))



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