

PRESS RELEASE

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## **VetAgro Sup and ANSES sign a partnership agreement**

**On 2 March 2023, VetAgro Sup and ANSES signed a framework partnership agreement at the Paris International Agricultural Show. This partnership, which is formalising the long-standing collaboration between the two organisations, aims in particular to develop holistic approaches to study animal health issues, in line with the One Health concept.**

The activities of both ANSES and VetAgro Sup are at the interface between animal, human and environmental health, as part of a One Health approach. Given the complementary nature of their work, the two organisations have decided to formalise a partnership that was initiated several years ago, particularly at the local level in Lyon.

In addition to their multiple collaborative research projects and joint supervision of PhD students, ANSES and VetAgro Sup are co-supervisors of a joint research unit on animal mycoplasmoses. They are also founding members, along with INRAE, of the SAARA network dedicated to animal health and welfare research in the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region. Furthermore, they work as partners in the Veterinary Public Health Hub in Lyon.

### **A partnership focusing on research, training and surveillance**

The partnership agreement, signed by Benoît Vallet, Director General of ANSES, and Mireille Bossy, Director General of VetAgro Sup, at the Paris International Agricultural Show plans to strengthen their collaborative work in the following areas over the next five years:

- implementation of scientific studies and research work, including through the joint supervision of PhD students,
- promotion of closer ties between scientific teams, if necessary by creating new joint research units or contracted units,
- pooling of equipment and biological materials,

- monitoring of adverse events caused by veterinary medicinal products or plant protection products,
- joint organisation of training,
- organisation of scientific events.

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#### **About ANSES**

The French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) provides public decision-makers with the scientific benchmarks needed to protect humans and the environment against health risks. It studies, assesses and monitors all the chemical, microbiological and physical risks to which humans, animals and plants are exposed, thereby helping the public authorities take the necessary measures, including in the event of a health crisis. A national agency working in the public interest, ANSES comes under the responsibility of the French Ministries of Health, the Environment, Agriculture, Labour and Consumer Affairs.

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#### **About VetAgro Sup**

VetAgro Sup is an institution of higher education and research under the aegis of the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food Sovereignty.

With a 260-year history including 10 years of unique multidisciplinary action in France, VetAgro Sup is the only French organisation that trains veterinarians, agricultural engineers, and veterinary public health inspectors as part of a holistic approach to health challenges. Working to tackle major issues in the area of life sciences, the institution carries out its training, research and expert assessment activities as part of a One Health approach, at the intersection of human, animal and environmental health.

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