

Animal Health Institute 101

Q: What is the Animal Health Institute?

A: The Animal Health Institute (AHI) represents companies that make animal medicines, ranging from flea products to vaccines, and everything in between. Our mission is to improve the health and well-being of animals, thereby protecting and improving the health and well-being of humans.

Q: What do you do as a trade association?

A: We are an industry advocate for the discovery, development and approval of animal health products. Since our inception in 1941, AHI has helped create an environment that fosters robust research and development of innovative and needed animal health products. We work to ensure a science-based review of products and encourage continuing research and development in the area of animal health.

Q: What products do your member companies make?

A: AHI member companies make medicines for animals that fall into three basic areas:

1. **Vaccines** and other “biologics,” to prevent animal diseases such as West Nile, Foot and Mouth, Rabies, etc.
2. **Flea and tick products** or “insecticides,” to kill fleas, ticks, mites, and flies for pets, livestock and poultry.
3. **Pharmaceuticals**, including de-wormers, antibiotics to treat illnesses, and anti-inflammatory medicines for pain relief.

Q: What is Healthy People. Healthy Animals. Healthy Planet.?

A: AHI and its member companies have launched a new initiative to raise awareness of the importance of animal medicines to human health. Our key message is that by giving animals medicine, we can prevent disease transmission. The campaign, *Healthy People. Healthy Animals. Healthy Planet.*, is uniting public health groups, agricultural organizations, veterinarians and other stakeholders that work at the nexus of human and animal health. For more information, please visit www.HealthyAnimals.org.

Membership

Our members make medicines that are approved by regulatory agencies including the FDA (pharmaceuticals), USDA (biologics/vaccines) and the EPA (insecticides/flea and tick).

Abbott Animal Health, Bayer Healthcare LLC, Bioniche Animal Health USA, Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc., Colorado Serum Company, Dechra Pharmaceuticals PLC, Elanco Animal Health, Merck Animal Health, Merial Limited, MVP Laboratories, Inc., Novartis Animal Health US, Inc., Pfizer Animal Health, Phibro Animal Health and Virbac Corporation.

Our affiliate members provide research and laboratory services to the animal health industry or are actively working toward approval of an animal health product but have not yet obtained approval.

AlcheraBio LLC, Animal Clinical Investigation, Benchmark Biolabs, Inc., Biotechnical Services, Inc., ECO Animal Health, Mars Veterinary, MPI Research, Nestlé Purina PetCare Company, and VetPharm, Inc.