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**HAGYARD EQUINE MEDICAL INSTITUTE MERGES WITH MAVANA**

January 19, 2018 -- Hagyard Equine Medical Institute in Lexington, Ky. is pleased to announce it has merged with Mixed Animal Veterinary Associates of North America (MAVANA). MAVANA is comprised of 22 esteemed equine, mixed animal and companion animal veterinary practices across 11 states who share a commitment to maintaining the highest standards of veterinary medicine and business management.

Other hospitals that operate as a partner in MAVANA include Teigland, Franklin and Brokken, an equine sports medicine practice based in Florida that specializes in Thoroughbreds, and the Chicago Equine Medical Center, which is a full-service veterinary hospital serving racing and sport horse clients in the greater Chicago area.

“Hagyard with its excellent doctors and staff will continue as it has for the past 140 plus years, managed and operated in Lexington, Kentucky. Hagyard enjoys a venerable history and is held up as an industry leader in multiple aspects of veterinary medicine,” said Dr. Luke Fallon, DVM of Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. “All of our staff and doctors who comprise the Hagyard family are custodians of this 140 plus year legacy. We are dedicated to actively managing one of the premier clinics in the world. Our commitment to our clients and their success by providing excellence in veterinary care for their horses will continue as it has for the past nearly 150 years.”

MAVANA, which is veterinarian owned and managed, shares Hagyard’s focus on excellence in veterinary medicine and business management. Each veterinary practice under the MAVANA banner operates independently and benefits from a corporate structure to deliver cost efficiencies, leverage economics of scale for improved purchasing power, offer more options for liquidity and increase relevancy in the rapidly consolidating animal health industry while continuing to deliver the highest quality of medicine and customer service.

“Hagyard’s partnership with the other MAVANA veterinary practices and veterinarians will only allow us to elevate our ability to offer our clients and their horses the highest level of care,” said Dr. Stuart Brown, DVM of Hagyard Equine Medical Institute. “Furthermore, our practice and its members have long been committed to developing and mentoring the next generation of equine medical professionals, and our inclusion in MAVANA will allow us to continue to expand those efforts.”

**About Hagyard Equine Medical Institute**

Founded in 1876 by Dr. E.T. Hagyard, Hagyard Equine Medical Institute is a leader in equine medicine and research worldwide. With a reputation built on a continued effort to increase veterinary knowledge and thereby, pioneering advances in reproduction, internal medicine and surgeries offered to its diverse equine clientele, the practice services international breeding operations, racehorses, sport horses and pleasure horses. Hagyard Equine Medical Institute's facilities include the Davidson Surgery Center, McGee Medicine Center, McGee Fertility Center, and Hagyard Sport Horse Facility, as well as MRI, hyperbaric medicine and a podiatry center. For more information, visit [hagyard.com](http://hagyard.com).