



**Merck Animal Health sponsors IMLocum and gives clinics access to their services free of charge until June 30th, 2020.**

**Calgary, AB (April 16th, 2020)** – in response to the COVID-19 situation, Merck Animal Health has decided to sponsor an initiative with IMLocum to give access to their services free of charge until June 30th, 2020 to clinics across Canada.

The current COVID-19 situation has had a significant impact on veterinary clinics. One of the unfortunate consequences for some is staffing. "During the initial slowdown, some clinics were forced to lay workers off. On the other hand, clinics like emergency and specialty centers, have experienced a surge in demand, and have had to work understaffed," said founder and CEO of IMLocum, Ivana Novosel. "Rural practices serving farmers and food producers are still expected to work full capacity as they enter their busiest season, even with a significant number of professionals having to isolate themselves. It is obvious that the current situation is calling for more flexible staffing solutions to help deal with these complexities."

This is why, until June 30th, 2020, Merck Animal Health is graciously sponsoring an initiative with IMLocum to provide veterinary clinics free access to all the locums available in their area. Clinics are encouraged to take advantage of this offer if they are experiencing staff shortage or anticipating a need for temporary help by using "Here2Help2020" code when subscribing to a monthly subscription of choice. As we all value flexibility, there is no long-term commitment and clinics can unsubscribe at any time.

While helping clinics find the staff they need on-demand, IMLocum is also hoping to help the veterinary professionals. Many professionals have been laid-off or are currently working reduced hours and are looking for opportunities to help supplement their income. IMLocum provides an easy and efficient way to match those veterinary institutions looking for skilled workers with the professionals looking for work - at no cost to veterinary professionals. A win-win solution during this challenging time.

### **About IMLocum**

IMLocum is matching veterinary clinics looking for qualified and veterinary staff (DVMs, RVTs, Support Staff and students), with veterinary professionals looking for job opportunities and ways to grow their careers. The service has already assured hundreds of jobs across Canada being filled with dedicated professionals, resulting in statements like "I don't know what I would have done without IMLocum services during this national tech shortage!" from a manager of one of the largest Emergency and Referral Centres in Canada.

### **About Merck Animal Health**

Merck Animal Health is a research-driven company that develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of veterinary medicines and services. They offer one of the industry's most innovative portfolios, spanning products for the prevention, treatment and control of disease in all major farm and companion animal species. They aim to create value and contribute to the ongoing success of their customers. By

consistently delivering the highest standards of quality, professionalism and integrity, their goal is to become the partner of choice for veterinarians, producers and animal owners.



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