

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**

In the Matter of)	
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Agnaten, SE,)	
a corporation,)	
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Veterinary Specialists of North America, LLC)	
a limited liability company,)	
)	File No. 191-0160
and)	
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NVA Parent, Inc.,)	
a corporation.)	
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AGREEMENT CONTAINING CONSENT ORDERS

The Federal Trade Commission (“Commission”) has initiated an investigation of the proposed acquisition by Respondent Agnaten, SE, (“Agnaten”), the owner of Veterinary Specialists of North America and Compassion-First Pet Hospitals, of Respondent NVA Parent, Inc. (“NVA”), collectively “Proposed Respondents.” The Commission’s Bureau of Competition has prepared a draft administrative complaint (“Draft Complaint”). The Bureau of Competition and Proposed Respondents enter into this Agreement Containing Consent Orders (“Consent Agreement”) to divest certain assets to resolve the allegations in the Draft Complaint through a proposed Decision and Order and Order to Maintain Assets, all of which are attached, to present to the Commission.

IT IS HEREBY AGREED by and between Proposed Respondents, by their duly authorized officers and attorneys, and counsel for the Commission that:

1. Proposed Respondent Agnaten is a corporation organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of Austria, with its office and principal place of business located at Rooseveltplaz 4-5/Top 10, A-1090 Vienna, Austria, with its United States office for service of process located at 1701 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 801, Washington, DC 20006.

2. Proposed Respondent Veterinary Specialists of North America is a limited liability company organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Delaware, with its office and principal place of business located at 106 Apple St, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724.

3. Proposed Respondent NVA is a corporation organized, existing, and doing business under and by virtue of the laws of the state of Delaware, with its office and principal place of business located at 2000 Avenue of the Stars, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90067.
4. Proposed Respondents admit all the jurisdictional facts set forth in the Draft Complaint.
5. Proposed Respondents waive:
 - a. any further procedural steps;
 - b. the requirement that the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets contain a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law;
 - c. all rights to seek judicial review or otherwise to challenge or contest the validity of the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets entered pursuant to this Consent Agreement; and
 - d. any claim under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
6. This Consent Agreement is for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Proposed Respondents that the law has been violated as alleged in the Draft Complaint, or that the facts as alleged in the Draft Complaint, other than jurisdictional facts, are true.
7. Proposed Respondents shall submit an initial compliance report, pursuant to Commission Rule 2.33, 16 C.F.R. § 2.33, no later than 30 days after the date on which Proposed Respondents execute this Consent Agreement and subsequent compliance reports every 30 days thereafter until the Order to Maintain Assets becomes final. After the Order to Maintain Assets becomes final, the reporting obligations contained in the Order to Maintain Assets shall control and the reporting obligations under this Consent Agreement shall cease. Each compliance report shall set forth in detail the manner in which Proposed Respondents have complied, have prepared to comply, are complying, and will comply with the Consent Agreement, Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets. Proposed Respondents shall provide sufficient information and documentation to enable the Commission to determine independently whether Proposed Respondents are in compliance with the Consent Agreement, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets.
8. Each compliance report submitted pursuant to Paragraph 7 above shall be verified in the manner set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1746 by the Chief Executive Officer or another officer or employee specifically authorized to perform this function. Commission Rule 2.41(a), 16 C.F.R. § 2.41(a), requires that the Commission receive an original and 2 copies of each compliance report. Proposed Respondents shall file a paper original of each compliance report with the Secretary of the Commission and electronic copies of each compliance report

with the Secretary at ElectronicFilings@ftc.gov, and with the Compliance Division at bccompliance@ftc.gov. In addition, Proposed Respondents shall provide a copy of each compliance report to the Monitor, if one has been appointed pursuant to the Decision and Order and/or the Order to Maintain Assets.

9. This Consent Agreement, and any compliance reports filed pursuant to this Consent Agreement, shall not become part of the public record of the proceeding unless and until the Commission accepts the Consent Agreement. If the Commission accepts this Consent Agreement, the Commission will place it, together with the Complaint, the proposed Decision and Order, the Order to Maintain Assets, an explanation of the provisions of the proposed Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, and any other information that may help interested persons understand the Orders, on the public record for the receipt of comments for 30 days
10. Because there may be interim competitive harm, the Commission may issue and serve its Complaint (in such form as the circumstances may require) and the Order to Maintain Assets in this matter at any time after it accepts the Consent Agreement for public comment.
11. This Consent Agreement contemplates that, if the Commission accepts the Consent Agreement, the Commission thereafter may withdraw its acceptance of this Consent Agreement and notify Proposed Respondents, in which event the Commission will take such action as it may consider appropriate. If the Commission does not subsequently withdraw such acceptance pursuant to the provisions of Commission Rule 2.34, 16 C.F.R. § 2.34, and it has already issued the Complaint and Order to Maintain Assets, the Commission may, without further notice to Proposed Respondents, issue the attached Decision and Order in disposition of the proceeding.
12. The Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets shall become final upon service. Delivery of the Complaint, the Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets to Proposed Respondents by any means provided in Commission Rule 4.4(a), 16 C.F.R. § 4.4(a), or by delivery to United States counsel for Proposed Respondents identified in this Consent Agreement, shall constitute service to Proposed Respondents. Proposed Respondents waive any rights they may have to any other manner of service. Proposed Respondents also waive any rights they may otherwise have to service of any appendices attached to or incorporated by reference into the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets, if Proposed Respondents are already in possession of such Appendices, and agree that they are bound to comply with and will comply with the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets to the same extent as if they had been served with copies of the Appendices.
13. The Complaint may be used in construing the terms of the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, and no agreement, understanding, representation, or interpretation not contained in the Decision and Order, the

Order to Maintain Assets, or the Consent Agreement may be used to vary or contradict the terms of the Decision and Order or the Order to Maintain Assets.

14. By signing this Consent Agreement, Proposed Respondents represent and warrant that:
 - a. they can fulfill all the terms of and accomplish the full relief contemplated by the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets including, among other things, effectuating all required divestitures, assignments and transfers, and obtaining any necessary approvals from governmental authorities, leaseholders, and other third parties to effectuate the divestitures, assignments, and transfers; and
 - b. all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, and successors necessary to effectuate the full relief contemplated by this Consent Agreement and the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets are parties to this Consent Agreement and are bound as if they had signed this Consent Agreement and were made parties to this proceeding, or are within the control of parties to this Consent Agreement, the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, or will be after the acquisition.

15. Proposed Respondents have read the Draft Complaint, the proposed Decision and Order, and the Order to Maintain Assets. Proposed Respondents agree to comply with the terms of the proposed Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets from the date they sign this Consent Agreement. Proposed Respondents understand that once the Commission has issued the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets, they will be required to file one or more compliance reports setting forth in detail the manner in which they have complied, have prepared to comply, are complying, and will comply with the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets. When final, the Decision and Order and the Order to Maintain Assets shall have the same force and effect and may be altered, modified, or set aside in the same manner and within the same time as provided by statute for other orders. Proposed Respondents further understand that they may be liable for civil penalties in the amount provided by law for each violation of the Decision and Order and of the Order to Maintain Assets.

Agnaten, SE

By: [name]
President and Chief Executive Officer
Agnaten, SE

Dated: _____

[Agnaten, SE lawyer name]
[Law firm name]
Counsel for Agnaten, SE

Dated: _____

**Veterinary Specialists of North America,
LLC**

By: [name]
President and Chief Executive Officer
Veterinary Specialists of North America, LLC

Dated: _____

[Veterinary Specialists of North America, LLC
lawyer name]
[Law firm name]
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America, LLC

Dated: _____

NVA Parent, Inc.,

By: [name]
President and Chief Executive Officer
NVA Parent, Inc.

Dated: _____

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