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**PETSCREEN CHOOSES COLUMBIA FOR US HEADQUARTERS**

Columbia, MO – A United Kingdom-based animal health company has chosen Columbia, Missouri for its United States headquarters. PetScreen, Ltd, a Nottingham, England animal research company will lease 800 square feet of wet lab space in the University of Missouri Life Science Business Incubator at Monsanto Place.

PetScreen focuses on developing novel detection and treatment tools for the major aging-related diseases in dogs and cats, (e.g. cancer, renal disease). The company plans to use the incubator as laboratory space to conduct cancer detection tests in the US market. The group chose Columbia over locations in North Carolina and New York.

“I am extremely pleased about the news”, Columbia Mayor Darwin Hindman said. “PetScreen will not only bring good paying jobs and the potential for more, it is the exact kind of economic development success that is particularly good for Columbia, because it will bring collaboration with the University researchers benefiting both the University and the community and will tend to attract more business dependent on research. It also shows the value to the community of the newly opened business incubator.”



PetScreen plans to create more than 30 jobs in Columbia over the next five years. In addition to PetScreen, two other companies have relocated to the business incubator that opened on January 5, 2009: Equinosis, which is commercializing a system for objectively evaluating lameness in horses; and Terminus Energy, which is commercializing distributive electrical power generation technology.

PetScreen becomes the newest addition to the Animal Health Corridor, which runs from Columbia, Missouri to Manhattan, Kansas and includes the single largest concentration of animal health interests in the world. Regional Economic Development, Inc. and the University of Missouri are participating partners in the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor.