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# Butler Sales acquired by Ceva Animal Health

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**Butler Sales Associates Inc.**, of St. Louis was bought by France-based **Ceva Animal Health** for an undisclosed amount in a deal that was announced Friday, but was completed two months ago.

Ceva, a global veterinary pharmaceutical laboratory with involvement in all aspects of the animal health business, will house its U.S. animal operations in Butler Sales' St. Louis office and maintain an office in Lenexa, Kan., according to Butler Sales Executive Vice President Brian Butler. Butler said no employees will lose their jobs but could not estimate how many positions would be added to the St. Louis office.

Butler Sales Associates is a manufacturers' representative organization serving the international animal health industry.

Butler Sales operates a sales and marketing office in St. Louis and an administrative office in St. Joseph, Mo., said Butler. The St. Joseph office will close by Jan. 1 and move its staff to Butler's location in Manchester, Mo., creating a staff of 10 in that office.

Ceva is listed as one of the top 10 animal health companies worldwide. Butler said the acquisition is strategically important for Ceva since North America represents 40 percent of the world's animal health market.

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