## Wedgewood Celebrates Groundbreaking Ceremony for New State-of-the-Art Veterinary Pharmacy

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While working with project architect, CiDesign, Vanderweil is providing MEP/FP engineering services for the Wedgewood Veterinary Pharmacy in Chandler, Arizona.



Chandler, AZ – February 22, 2024 –Wedgewood, the nation's leading provider of high-quality compounded medications for animals and the parent company of the new veterinary online pharmacy platform, Blue Rabbit, celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony for its new state-of-the-art facility in Chandler, Arizona. Mayor Kevin Hartke and Wedgewood CEO Marcy Bliss led the celebration at the future site of the pharmacy at 1680 E. Northrop Blvd. The project is expected to house 250 jobs by 2027 and invest tens of millions of dollars within the building.

The 90,000-square-foot veterinary pharmacy, opening in early 2025, represents a significant investment by Wedgewood in the future of veterinary care. The facility will serve as a crucial hub for rapid delivery throughout the western United States and offer local pick-up options for pet owners. Equipped with the latest in pharmacy technology, the Chandler pharmacy will significantly enhance Wedgewood's ability to meet the growing demand for high-quality veterinary medications.

Scheduled to eventually replace Wedgewood's existing 25,000-square-foot Arizona facility, the Chandler expansion underscores the company's impressive growth trajectory. In recent years, Wedgewood has completed several successful acquisitions including Diamondback Drugs (2018), Wildlife Pharmaceuticals, and ZooPharm (2020), Front Range Laboratories, Brava Pharmacy, Wickliffe Pharmacy, and Precision Equine Pharmacy (2023). In 2024, Wedgewood stepped into the broader animal health realm with its launch of Blue Rabbit, a category-defining, PIMS-integrated online pharmacy platform that provides veterinarians with customized, white-labeled storefronts for the home delivery of diets, preventatives, and both compounded and commercial FDA approved medications.

"Our new pharmacy reflects our deep commitment to the veterinary community and our dedication to harnessing the exceptional talents of our local team," said Marcy Bliss, CEO of Wedgewood. "By expanding in Chandler, we're not just creating a critical hub in our national network; we're also strengthening our connection with a community that has been key to our success. This facility

will support our new online pharmacy platform, Blue Rabbit, and enable us to speed deliveries to pet parents, animal owners, and veterinarians nationwide, supporting our mission to improve the lives of animals and those who love and care for them."

"We are thrilled to celebrate this important milestone as Wedgewood begins internal construction of this state-of-the-art facility," stated Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke. "The Airpark Area employment corridor continues to garner attention from dynamic companies such as Wedgewood looking for a central location with great infrastructure and immediate access to skilled talent. We would like to thank Wedgewood for choosing Chandler and look forward to being back here next year for the ribbon cutting!"

"Wedgewood's impressive growth and continued investment in Greater Phoenix epitomizes the broad swath of healthcare technology increasingly choosing the market to scale business," said Greater Phoenix Economic Council President & CEO Chris Camacho. "The region is known for incredible business advantages and livability, and with companies like Wedgewood, families with pets have peace-of-mind."

"Today's groundbreaking highlights the rapid growth happening across Arizona's healthcare and bioscience industries," said Sandra Watson, President and CEO of the Arizona Commerce Authority. "We are grateful for Wedgewood's investment in Arizona and look forward to seeing their success in our state."

The groundbreaking was also attended by members of Wedgewood's leadership team, members of the Chandler City Council, Greater Phoenix Economic Council, and Arizona Commerce Authority, underlining the community's support for this ambitious project. The build-out of the new facility, which was designed by Ci Design, Inc., will be completed by Gilbane, a leading global builder and real estate developer. For more information about Wedgewood and Blue Rabbit, or to schedule interviews with Wedgewood CEO, Marcy Bliss, please contact Meg Thomann, Director of Communications at mthomann@wedgewoodpharmacy.com.