

<p>Form 5500</p> <p>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p>Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan</p> <p>This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).</p> <p>▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.</p>	<p>OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">2022</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p>
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning <u>01/01/2022</u> and ending <u>12/31/2022</u>	
A This return/report is for:	<input type="checkbox"/> a multiemployer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must attach a list of participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a single-employer plan <input type="checkbox"/> a DFE (specify) ____
B This return/report is:	<input type="checkbox"/> the first return/report <input type="checkbox"/> the final return/report <input type="checkbox"/> an amended return/report <input type="checkbox"/> a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
D Check box if filing under:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 5558 <input type="checkbox"/> automatic extension <input type="checkbox"/> the DFVC program <input type="checkbox"/> special extension (enter description)
E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>

Part II	Basic Plan Information —enter all requested information
<p>1a Name of plan <u>GARDEN STATE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS 401(K) PLAN</u></p> <hr/> <p>2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) <u>GARDEN STATE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS</u></p> <p><u>ONE PINE STREET</u> <u>TINTON FALLS, NJ 07753</u></p>	<p>1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u></p> <hr/> <p>1c Effective date of plan <u>07/01/2006</u></p> <hr/> <p>2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-3304795</u></p> <hr/> <p>2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>732-922-0011</u></p> <hr/> <p>2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541940</u></p>

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	10/13/2023	HEIDI HUNTER
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

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3a Plan administrator's name and address <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 320
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits..... d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item)..... h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 263 6a(2) 620 6b 4 6c 69 6d 693 6e 0 6f 693 6g 370 6h 0
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item)	7
8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions: 2A 2E 2J 2K 2F 2G 3D 2T 3H b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:	
9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor
10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)	
a Pension Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	b General Schedules (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> 0 A (Insurance Information) (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) (5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D (DFE/Participating Plan Information) (6) <input type="checkbox"/> G (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) Yes No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2022 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2022 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

A Name of plan <u>GARDEN STATE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>GARDEN STATE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-3304795</u>	

Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

a Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions)..... Yes No

b If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b) Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation
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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
24 13 15 17 28 37 65 50 63	CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION	44509	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 50	INVESTMENT ADVISOR	41397	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

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d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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c EIN-PN

d Entity code

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a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

c EIN-PN

d Entity code

e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)

**SCHEDULE H
(Form 5500)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Department of Labor
Employee Benefits Security Administration

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

Financial Information

This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

► **File as an attachment to Form 5500.**

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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2022** and ending **12/31/2022**

A Name of plan GARDEN STATE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS 401(K) PLAN	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ► 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 GARDEN STATE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 22-3304795

Part I Asset and Liability Statement

1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets	(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash.....	1a	
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):		
(1) Employer contributions.....	1b(1)	
(2) Participant contributions.....	1b(2)	
(3) Other.....	1b(3)	
c General investments:		
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit).....	1c(1)	
(2) U.S. Government securities.....	1c(2)	
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred.....	1c(3)(A)	
(B) All other.....	1c(3)(B)	
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):		
(A) Preferred.....	1c(4)(A)	
(B) Common.....	1c(4)(B)	
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests.....	1c(5)	
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property).....	1c(6)	
(7) Loans (other than to participants).....	1c(7)	
(8) Participant loans.....	1c(8)	56174
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts.....	1c(9)	1819337
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts.....	1c(10)	
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts.....	1c(11)	
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities.....	1c(12)	
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds).....	1c(13)	15190019
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts).....	1c(14)	
(15) Other.....	1c(15)	

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property.....	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	1f	17714582	17065530
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable.....	1g		
h Operating payables.....	1h		
i Acquisition indebtedness.....	1i		
j Other liabilities.....	1j		
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	1k	0	0
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	1l	17714582	17065530

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers.....	2a(1)(A)	507588	
(B) Participants.....	2a(1)(B)	1199778	
(C) Others (including rollovers).....	2a(1)(C)	869272	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A), (B), (C), and line 2a(2).....	2a(3)		2576638
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities.....	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments.....	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants).....	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans.....	2b(1)(E)	1525	
(F) Other.....	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F).....	2b(1)(G)		1525
(2) Dividends:			
(A) Preferred stock.....	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock.....	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	2b(2)(C)	435989	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A), (B), and (C).....	2b(2)(D)		435989
(3) Rents.....	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:			
(A) Aggregate proceeds.....	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result.....	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:			
(A) Real estate.....	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other.....	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B).....	2b(5)(C)		0

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts	2b(6)		41069
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		-3422185
c Other income	2c		
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		-366964
Expenses			
e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	196182	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3).....	2e(4)		196182
f Corrective distributions (see instructions).....	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense.....	2h		
i Administrative expenses: (1) Professional fees	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	44509	
(3) Investment advisory and management fees	2i(3)	41397	
(4) Other	2i(4)		
(5) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (4).....	2i(5)		85906
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		282088
Net Income and Reconciliation			
k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d.....	2k		-649052
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan.....	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

- (1) Unmodified (2) Qualified (3) Disclaimer (4) Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

- (1) DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: PKF O'CONNOR DAVIES, LLP

(2) EIN: 27-1728945

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** because:

- (1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, or MTIA. (2) It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l.

During the plan year:

a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)

	Yes	No	Amount
4a	X		65071

		Yes	No	Amount
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.).....	4b		X	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	4c		X	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.).....	4d		X	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?.....	4e	X		500000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	4f		X	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....	4g		X	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?.....	4h		X	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.).....	4i	X		
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.).....	4j		X	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?.....	4k		X	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?.....	4l		X	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.).....	4m		X	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.....	4n			

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?..... Yes No
 If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) Yes No Not determined
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small> <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small> <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2022 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
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For calendar plan year 2022 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2022 and ending 12/31/2022

A Name of plan <u>GARDEN STATE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS 401(K) PLAN</u>	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>GARDEN STATE VETERINARY SPECIALISTS</u>	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>22-3304795</u>	

Part I	Distributions
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All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.

1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....

1	0
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2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits):
EIN(s): 27-3169253

Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.

3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year.....

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Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? Yes No N/A
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.

5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. **Date:** Month _____ Day _____ Year _____
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.

6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived).....	6a	
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year.....	6b	
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c	

If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.

7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? Yes No N/A

8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? Yes No N/A

Part III	Amendments
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9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box..... Increase Decrease Both No

Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan?..... Yes No

11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock?..... Yes No

b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.)..... Yes No

12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market?..... Yes No

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer _____

b EIN _____ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer _____

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: Hourly Weekly Unit of production Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	14a	
b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14b	
c The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	14c	

15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year.....	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year.....	15b	

16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	16b	

17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment

19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) through (c)

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Stock: _____% Investment-Grade Debt: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Estate: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the combined investment-grade and high-yield debt:
 0-3 years 3-6 years 6-9 years 9-12 years 12-15 years 15-18 years 18-21 years 21 years or more

c What duration measure was used to calculate line 19(b)?
 Effective duration Macaulay duration Modified duration Other (specify): _____

20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? Yes No

b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:

Yes.

No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.

No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.

No. Other. Provide explanation _____

Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements
(Modified Cash Basis)

December 31, 2022 and 2021

Independent Auditors' Report

The Plan Administrator of Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the financial statements of Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan (the "Plan"), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) ("ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit"). The financial statements comprise the statement of net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits (modified cash basis) for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audit of the Plan's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from the qualified institution as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2.
- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by the qualified institutions agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter - Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current Plan instrument, including all Plan amendments; administering the Plan; and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in Note 2.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of: (1) Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4a – Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions (modified cash basis) for the year ended December 31, 2022 and (2) Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year) (modified cash basis) as of December 31, 2022 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedule, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and to certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and to other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards ("GAAS"). For information included in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis), we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis), other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, are presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis), other than the information in the supplemental schedules (modified cash basis) that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, are presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedule (modified cash basis) related to assets held by and certified to by the qualified institutions agrees to or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

PKF O'Connor Davies, LLP

Woodcliff Lake, NJ
October 12, 2023

Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan

Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits (Modified Cash Basis)

	December 31,	
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
ASSETS		
Investments, at Fair Value		
Mutual funds	\$ 15,190,019	\$ 14,307,127
UTC Stable Value Fund	<u>1,819,337</u>	<u>3,374,493</u>
Total Investments, at Fair Value	17,009,356	17,681,620
Receivables		
Notes receivable from participants	<u>56,174</u>	<u>32,964</u>
LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Assets Available for Benefits	<u>\$ 17,065,530</u>	<u>\$ 17,714,584</u>

Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan

Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits (Modified Cash Basis)

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2022	2021
ADDITIONS		
Investment (Loss) Income		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	\$ (3,381,116)	\$ 1,551,930
Dividends and interest	435,989	632,513
Total Investment (Loss) Income	(2,945,127)	2,184,443
Interest on notes receivable from participants	1,525	3,116
Contributions		
Participants	1,199,778	810,875
Employer	507,588	227,228
Rollover	869,272	-
Total Contributions	2,576,638	1,038,103
Total Additions, Net of Investment Loss	(366,964)	3,225,662
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefits paid to participants	196,182	973,064
Administrative expenses	85,908	103,150
Total Deductions	282,090	1,076,214
Net (Decrease) Increase	(649,054)	2,149,448
NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS		
Beginning of year	17,714,584	15,565,136
End of year	\$17,065,530	\$17,714,584

See notes to financial statements

Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (Modified Cash Basis)
December 31, 2022 and 2021

1. Plan Description

The following description of the Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan (the "Plan") is provided for general purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan agreement for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a participant directed defined contribution plan covering substantially all employees of Garden State Veterinary Specialists, Garden State Veterinary Services, Greater Staten Island Veterinary Services, Veterinary Surgical Specialists, and VVP CA and CO, LP (effective August 1, 2022) (collectively, the "Company"). The Plan, established July 1, 2006, qualifies under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") and is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"). The Plan was established for the purpose of providing eligible employees of the Company and their beneficiaries, a retirement benefit.

Eligibility

Employees of the Company are eligible to participate in the Plan upon completing one year of service and attainment of age 21. Eligible employees are allowed to enter into the Plan the first day of the Plan Year quarter coinciding with or next following the date eligibility requirements are satisfied. Employees of VVP CA and CO, LP employed on August 1, 2022 do not have to meet the age and service eligibility conditions prior to making deferrals or receiving contributions under the Plan and shall have a one-time entry date effective August 1, 2022.

Contributions

An employee participating in the Plan may annually contribute through payroll deductions on a pre-tax, or Roth basis (effective August 12, 2022), up to the amount provided annually by the Internal Revenue Service and may contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified plans. Any participant, age 50 or over, may make an additional "catch-up" contribution. Roth contributions were added effective August 12, 2022. The Company makes safe harbor matching contribution equal to 100% of the amount the participant contributes that does not exceed 3% of their compensation, plus 50% of the amount of the participant's contribution that exceeds 3% but not in excess of 5% of the participant's compensation for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan

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1. Plan Description (*continued*)

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions and allocations of (a) the Company's contribution and (b) Plan earnings. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, as defined. The participant's account is reduced by withdrawals and losses on investments. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are 100% vested in their contributions, rollover contributions, the Company's safe harbor contributions made to the Plan and any earnings thereon.

Investment Options

Upon enrollment in the Plan, participants may direct their contributions and Company contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Participants may change their investment options at any time.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their accounts a minimum amount of \$1,000 up to a maximum amount equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. Loans to participants are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bears an interest rate at commensurate with market rates for similar loans, as determined by the Plan administrator. A participant may not have more than one loan outstanding at any time. Loans have various repayment terms generally limited to 5 years, unless that loan is used to purchase a principal residence, in which case, the loan must be repaid within a reasonable period of time. Principal and interest are paid ratably through bi-weekly payroll deductions.

Payment of Benefits

On termination of service for any reason, a participant may elect to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in his or her account as soon as it's administratively feasible following termination of employment. Benefits are paid upon retirement, death, disability or termination of employment.

Forfeitures

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, balances of forfeited non-vested accounts totaled \$0. Forfeitures may be used to reduce Plan expenses or future Employer contributions. During 2022 and 2021, no forfeitures were used to reduce Employer contributions or were used to reduce Plan expenses.

Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan

Notes to Financial Statements (Modified Cash Basis)
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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting and Use of Estimates

The accounts of the Plan are maintained, and the accompanying financial statements have been prepared, on the modified cash basis; contributions and investment income is recognized when received and disbursements are recognized when made, except for investments which are reflected at fair value. The Plan has determined that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Accordingly, the financial statements are not intended to present the net assets available for benefits and changes in net assets available for benefits of the Plan in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair Value Measurements

The Plan follows U.S. GAAP guidance on *Fair Value Measurements* which defines fair value and establishes a fair value hierarchy organized into three levels based on the input assumptions used in pricing assets. Level 1 inputs have the highest reliability and are related to assets with unadjusted quoted prices in active markets. Level 2 inputs relate to assets with other than quoted prices in active markets which may include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or other inputs which can be corroborated by observable market data. Level 3 inputs are unobservable and are used to the extent that observable inputs do not exist.

Pursuant to U.S. GAAP guidance, alternative investments where fair value is measured using the Net Asset Value ("NAV") per share as a practical expedient is not categorized within the fair value hierarchy.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

Mutual Funds held by the Plan are valued at fair value based on the daily closing price as reported by the funds. All of the mutual funds are open-ended and are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These mutual funds are required to publish their daily net asset value and to transact at that price. The mutual funds are considered to be actively traded. The Stable Value Fund is valued at the NAV of units held by the Plan. The NAV, as provided by the trustee, is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying investments held by the fund less its liabilities. The practical expedient is not used when it is determined to be probable that the fund will sell the investment for an amount different than the reported NAV.

Garden State Veterinary Specialists 401(k) Plan

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (continued)

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade date basis. Interest income is recorded when received. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Payment of Benefits

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus accrued but unpaid interest. If a participant ceases to make loan repayments and the Plan administrator deems the participant loan to be in default, the participant loan balance is reduced and a benefit payment is recorded.

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of the Plan are paid by the Company and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable from participants are charged directly to the participant's account and are included in administrative expenses. Investment-related expense is included in net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments.

Revenue Sharing Agreement

The Plan and American Trust Company ("ATC") have entered into a revenue sharing arrangement whereby all of the revenue earned by the trustee from certain funds shall reduce quarterly fees otherwise payable to the trustee. During 2022 and 2021, \$11,190 and \$12,972 were used to reduce administrative expenses incurred by the Plan.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events for disclosure and/or recognition in the financial statements through October 12, 2023, the date which the financial statements were available for issue.

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3. Information Certified (Unaudited)

Certain information related to investments and notes receivable from participants disclosed in the accompanying financial statements and ERISA-required supplemental schedule, including investments and notes receivable from participants held at December 31, 2022 and 2021, and net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments, and interest and dividends, and interest income on notes receivable from participants for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, was obtained by management and agreed to or derived from information certified as complete and accurate by American Trust Company, a qualified institution.

4. Investments

At December 31, 2022 and 2021, the Plan's investments consisted of the following:

	2022		
	Investments Measured at		
	Level 1	NAV*	Total
Mutual Funds	\$15,190,019	\$ -	\$15,190,019
UTC Stable Value Fund	-	1,819,337	1,819,337
Total	\$15,190,019	\$ 1,819,337	\$17,009,356
	2021		
	Investments Measured at		
	Level 1	NAV*	Total
Mutual Funds	\$14,307,127	\$ -	\$14,307,127
UTC Stable Value Fund	-	3,374,493	3,374,493
Total	\$14,307,127	\$ 3,374,493	\$17,681,620

(*) Investments that are measured using the practical expedient are not classified within the fair value hierarchy.

5. UTC Stable Value Fund

The UTC Stable Value Fund (the "Fund") is a collective investment trust that was formed for the purpose of allowing plan sponsors of defined contribution plans qualified under Sections 401(a) and 501(a) of the IRC to invest in the MetLife Group Annuity Contract 28161. The contracts were issued by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Unified Trust Company, who is the trustee of the Fund. Units of the Fund are valued daily. Unit purchases and redemptions are transacted at the NAV determined as of the close of business each day.

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5. UTC Stable Value Fund (*continued*)

The NAV per unit is computed by dividing the total assets of the Fund less its liabilities, by the total number of units outstanding at the time of such computation. Investment income earned is reinvested in the Fund and included in the determination of unit values. The Fund has no unfunded commitments at December 31, 2022 and 2021.

6. Plan Termination

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to discontinue its contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants would remain 100% vested in their accounts.

7. Tax Status

The Company has adopted a volume submitter prototype plan document which received an opinion letter from the Internal Revenue Service dated June 30, 2020, stating that the Plan is designed in accordance with applicable sections of the IRC. The Plan has been amended since receiving the letter; however, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC.

U.S. GAAP require plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine examination by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no examinations for any tax periods in progress.

8. Party-In-Interest Transactions

Certain investments of the Plan are managed by American Trust Company. ATC is the trustee as defined by the Plan and, therefore, these transactions qualify as exempt party-in-interest transactions under ERISA.

Participants who are active employees of the Plan may borrow from their accounts and such loans qualify as party-in-interest transactions under ERISA. These loans are recorded as notes receivable from participants on the statements of net assets available for benefits.

9. Prohibited Transactions

For the 2022 Plan year, certain participants' contributions were not remitted to the Plan within the period described by the Department of Labor regulations. Delays in remitting these amounts to the Plan were due to the third party administrator administrative oversight. In 2023, the Company has processed the necessary corrections for the 2022 plan year to satisfy both the Department of Labor and IRS guidance for this matter.

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10. Risks and Uncertainties

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported herein the statements of net assets available for benefits.

The global and domestic economic uncertainty has resulted in significant volatility in financial markets. This volatility has affected, and may continue to affect, the value of the Plan's net assets available for benefits. The effects of economic and market conditions subsequent to December 31, 2022 are not reflected in these financial statements and future effects on the Plan's net assets available for benefits cannot be predicted.

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Schedule Pursuant to Department of Labor Requirements
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Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4a - Schedule of Delinquent Participant Contributions

EIN: 22-3304795
Plan #:001

Participant Contributions Transferred Late to Plan	<u>Total that Constitute Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions</u>			Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
	Contributions Not Corrected	Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP	Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP	
\$ 65,071	\$ 65,071	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Check here if late participant loan repayments are included: _____

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Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i - Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

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(a)	(b)	(c)	(e)
Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment, including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Current Value	Current Value
MUTUAL FUNDS		UNITS	
	Vanguard 500 Index Fund-Admiral	8,994	\$ 3,184,987
	Dodge & Cox Income Fund	171,559	2,091,309
	DFA U.S. Large Cap Value	45,477	1,887,312
	MFS Growth R6	11,170	1,491,034
	American Funds Europacific Growth R6	20,933	1,026,321
	MFS International Intrinsic Value R4	17,947	640,342
	Vanguard Mid-Cap Value Index Admiral	8,442	591,618
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	DFA Real Estate Securities I	12,599	461,880
	DFA Emerging Markets I	15,537	391,696
	DFA US Targeted Value	12,257	335,713
	DFA Intermediate Govt Fund II	30,317	328,029
	Carillon Eagle Mid Cap Growth R6	4,468	323,279
	Vanguard Balanced Index-Adm	7,581	300,595
	Vanguard Total Intl Stock Index Admiral	8,566	238,659
	Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index Admiral	2,604	183,603
	American Funds Capital World Bond R6	5,910	95,215
	PIMCO Commodity Real Ret Strat Admin	9,506	44,583
	Total Mutual Funds		<u>15,190,019</u>
COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT FUND			
*	MetLife UTC Stable Value Fund	90,196	<u>1,819,337</u>
	Total Investments		17,009,356
*	NOTES RECEIVABLE FROM PARTICIPANTS	The interest rates of these loans range from 4.25% to 8.50% with maturities through 2029.	
			<u>56,174</u>
	Total Assets (Held at End of Year)		<u>\$ 17,065,530</u>

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