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| Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation | Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan 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). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500. | OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 <h1 style="margin: 0;">2024</h1> This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| Part I | Annual Report Identification Information |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

A This return/report is for: a multiemployer plan a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.)
 a single-employer plan a DFE (specify) _____

B This return/report is: the first return/report the final return/report
 an amended return/report a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)

C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here.

D Check box if filing under: Form 5558 automatic extension the DFVC program
 special extension (enter description)

E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here.

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| Part II | Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information |
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| 1a Name of plan <u>HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN</u> | 1b Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ <u>001</u> |
| 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>HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS</u> <u>10 SOUTH LASALLE STREET</u> <u>SUITE 2120</u> <u>CHICAGO, IL 60603</u> | 1c Effective date of plan <u>01/01/2017</u> 2b Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>81-1167081</u> 2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number <u>312-261-5550</u> 2d Business code (see instructions) <u>541940</u> |

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.

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| SIGN HERE | Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature. | 07/30/2025 | ANNE MADIGAN |
| | 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 | 3154 |
| 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(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) 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) | 3046 |
| | 6a(2) | 3403 |
| | 6b | 0 |
| | 6c | 146 |
| | 6d | 3549 |
| | 6e | 0 |
| | 6f | 3549 |
| | 6g(1) | 1141 |
| 6g(2) | 1363 | |
| 6h | 101 | |
| 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 2F 2G 2J 2K 2T 3H 3D

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

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| 9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) | 9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts |
| (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor | (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)

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| a Pension Schedules | b General Schedules |
| (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> R (Retirement Plan Information) | (1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> H (Financial Information) |
| (2) <input type="checkbox"/> MB (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (2) <input type="checkbox"/> I (Financial Information – Small Plan) |
| (3) <input type="checkbox"/> SB (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary | (3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u> |
| (4) <input type="checkbox"/> DCG (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____ | (4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C (Service Provider Information) |
| (5) <input type="checkbox"/> MEP (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information) | (5) <input 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 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 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 _____

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| <p>SCHEDULE A (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>Insurance Information</p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p> | <p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p>2024</p> <hr/> <p>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</p> |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning **01/01/2024** and ending **12/31/2024**

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| <p>A Name of plan HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN</p> | <p>B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p> | <p>001</p> |
| <p>C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS</p> | <p>D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-1167081</p> | |

Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

1 Coverage Information:

(a) Name of insurance carrier
LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

| (b) EIN | (c) NAIC code | (d) Contract or identification number | (e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year | Policy or contract year | |
|------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|------------|
| | | | | (f) From | (g) To |
| 36-6071399 | 70688 | 897656 087 | 86 | 01/01/2024 | 12/31/2024 |

2 Insurance fee and commission information. Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

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| (a) Total amount of commissions paid | (b) Total amount of fees paid |
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3 Persons receiving commissions and fees. (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

| (b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid | Fees and other commissions paid | | (e) Organization code |
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| | (c) Amount | (d) Purpose | |
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Part II Investment and Annuity Contract Information
 Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

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| 4 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end | 4 | |
| 5 Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end..... | 5 | |

6 Contracts With Allocated Funds:

a State the basis of premium rates ▶

b Premiums paid to carrier **6b**

c Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year **6c**

d If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. **6d**
 Specify nature of costs ▶

e Type of contract: (1) individual policies (2) group deferred annuity
 (3) other (specify) ▶

f If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶

7 Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)

a Type of contract: (1) deposit administration (2) immediate participation guarantee
 (3) guaranteed investment (4) other ▶

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| b Balance at the end of the previous year | 7b | 252237 |
| c Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year | 7c(1) | 22693 |
| | 7c(2) | 0 |
| | 7c(3) | 7635 |
| | 7c(4) | 0 |
| | 7c(5) | 9399 |
| | (6) Total additions | 7c(6) |
| d Total of balance and additions (add lines 7b and 7c(6)) | 7d | 291964 |
| e Deductions: | 7e(1) | 15255 |
| | 7e(2) | 963 |
| | 7e(3) | |
| | 7e(4) | 7115 |
| | (5) Total deductions | 7e(5) |
| f Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line 7e(5) from line 7d)..... | 7f | 268631 |

Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

8 Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a** Health (other than dental or vision)
- b** Dental
- c** Vision
- d** Life insurance
- e** Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f** Long-term disability
- g** Supplemental unemployment
- h** Prescription drug
- i** Stop loss (large deductible)
- j** HMO contract
- k** PPO contract
- l** Indemnity contract
- m** Other (specify) ▶

9 Experience-rated contracts:

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| a | Premiums: (1) Amount received | 9a(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid | 9a(2) | | |
| | (3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve | 9a(3) | | |
| | (4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) | | 9a(4) | 0 |
| b | Benefit charges (1) Claims paid | 9b(1) | | |
| | (2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves | 9b(2) | | |
| | (3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) | | 9b(3) | 0 |
| | (4) Claims charged | | 9b(4) | |
| c | Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) -- | | | |
| | (A) Commissions | 9c(1)(A) | | |
| | (B) Administrative service or other fees | 9c(1)(B) | | |
| | (C) Other specific acquisition costs | 9c(1)(C) | | |
| | (D) Other expenses | 9c(1)(D) | | |
| | (E) Taxes | 9c(1)(E) | | |
| | (F) Charges for risks or other contingencies | 9c(1)(F) | | |
| | (G) Other retention charges | 9c(1)(G) | | |
| | (H) Total retention | | 9c(1)(H) | 0 |
| | (2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) | | 9c(2) | |
| d | Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement | | 9d(1) | |
| | (2) Claim reserves | | 9d(2) | |
| | (3) Other reserves | | 9d(3) | |
| e | Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) | | 9e | |

10 Nonexperience-rated contracts:

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| a | Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier | 10a | |
| b | If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. | 10b | |

Specify nature of costs.

Part IV Provision of Information

11 Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? Yes No

12 If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

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| 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-1167081 | |

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? |
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| 37 60 64 65 | RECORDKEEPER | 81137 | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> | 0 | Yes <input checked="" 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? |
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| | | | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input 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)

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| | | | 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 |
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| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |
| (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. | |
| DODGE & COX INCOME I - SS&C GIDS, 1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS NEW YORK, NY 10105 | 0.08% | |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |
| (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. | |
| SBH SM CAP GR INST - ULTIMUS FUND 31-1663251 | 0.10% | |
| (a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2 | (b) Service Codes (see instructions) | (c) Enter amount of indirect compensation |
| FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL | 60 | 0 |
| (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. | |
| TCW MW TOT RTN BD I - BNY MELLON I 500 ROSS STREET PITTSBURGH, PA 53442 | 0.10% | |

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)

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| a Name: | b EIN: |
| c Position: | |
| d Address: | e Telephone: |
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| SCHEDULE H (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> | 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. | <small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection |
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| For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024 | |
| A Name of plan HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN | B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001 |
| C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 81-1167081 |

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| Part I | Asset and Liability Statement |
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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.

| | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| a Total noninterest-bearing cash | 1a | 0 | 0 |
| b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts): | | | |
| (1) Employer contributions | 1b(1) | 712582 | 920317 |
| (2) Participant contributions | 1b(2) | 0 | 0 |
| (3) Other | 1b(3) | 0 | 0 |
| c General investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) | 1c(1) | 15845 | 96462 |
| (2) U.S. Government securities | 1c(2) | 0 | 0 |
| (3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(3)(A) | 0 | 0 |
| (B) All other | 1c(3)(B) | 0 | 0 |
| (4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities): | | | |
| (A) Preferred | 1c(4)(A) | 0 | 0 |
| (B) Common | 1c(4)(B) | 0 | 0 |
| (5) Partnership/joint venture interests | 1c(5) | 0 | 0 |
| (6) Real estate (other than employer real property) | 1c(6) | 0 | 0 |
| (7) Loans (other than to participants) | 1c(7) | 0 | 0 |
| (8) Participant loans | 1c(8) | 44215 | 210743 |
| (9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts | 1c(9) | 0 | 0 |
| (10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts | 1c(10) | 0 | 0 |
| (11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts | 1c(11) | 0 | 0 |
| (12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities | 1c(12) | 0 | 0 |
| (13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 1c(13) | 20582181 | 32206544 |
| (14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) | 1c(14) | 252237 | 268631 |
| (15) Other | 1c(15) | 0 | 0 |

| 1d Employer-related investments: | | (a) Beginning of Year | (b) End of Year |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Employer securities..... | 1d(1) | 0 | 0 |
| (2) Employer real property..... | 1d(2) | 0 | 0 |
| e Buildings and other property used in plan operation..... | 1e | 0 | 0 |
| f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)..... | 1f | 21607060 | 33702697 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| g Benefit claims payable..... | 1g | 0 | 0 |
| h Operating payables..... | 1h | 0 | 0 |
| i Acquisition indebtedness..... | 1i | 0 | 0 |
| j Other liabilities..... | 1j | 221809 | 418553 |
| k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)..... | 1k | 221809 | 418553 |
| Net Assets | | | |
| l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)..... | 1l | 21385251 | 33284144 |

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) | 924589 | |
| (B) Participants..... | 2a(1)(B) | 8419608 | |
| (C) Others (including rollovers)..... | 2a(1)(C) | 2196590 | |
| (2) Noncash contributions..... | 2a(2) | 0 | |
| (3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B) , (C) , and line 2a(2) | 2a(3) | | |
| b Earnings on investments: | | | |
| (1) Interest: | | | |
| (A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)..... | 2b(1)(A) | 2790 | |
| (B) U.S. Government securities..... | 2b(1)(B) | 0 | |
| (C) Corporate debt instruments..... | 2b(1)(C) | 0 | |
| (D) Loans (other than to participants)..... | 2b(1)(D) | 0 | |
| (E) Participant loans..... | 2b(1)(E) | 13108 | |
| (F) Other..... | 2b(1)(F) | 7634 | |
| (G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F) | 2b(1)(G) | | 23532 |
| (2) Dividends: | | | |
| (A) Preferred stock..... | 2b(2)(A) | 0 | |
| (B) Common stock..... | 2b(2)(B) | 0 | |
| (C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)..... | 2b(2)(C) | 847738 | |
| (D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B) , and (C) | 2b(2)(D) | | 847738 |
| (3) Rents..... | 2b(3) | | 0 |
| (4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: | | | |
| (A) Aggregate proceeds..... | 2b(4)(A) | 0 | |
| (B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)..... | 2b(4)(B) | 0 | |
| (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) | 0 | |
| (B) Other..... | 2b(5)(B) | 0 | |
| (C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B) | 2b(5)(C) | | |

| | | (a) Amount | (b) Total |
|---|---------------|------------|-----------|
| (6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts | 2b(6) | | 0 |
| (7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts | 2b(7) | | 0 |
| (8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts | 2b(8) | | 0 |
| (9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities | 2b(9) | | 0 |
| (10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) | 2b(10) | | 2374760 |
| c Other income | 2c | | 0 |
| d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2d | | 14786817 |

Expenses

| | | | |
|--|---------------|---------|---------|
| e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits: | | | |
| (1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers..... | 2e(1) | 2799387 | |
| (2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits | 2e(2) | 0 | |
| (3) Other..... | 2e(3) | 0 | |
| (4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) | 2e(4) | | 2799387 |
| f Corrective distributions (see instructions) | 2f | | 0 |
| g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)..... | 2g | | 4205 |
| h Interest expense..... | 2h | | 0 |
| i Administrative expenses: | | | |
| (1) Salaries and allowances | 2i(1) | 0 | |
| (2) Contract administrator fees | 2i(2) | 300 | |
| (3) Recordkeeping fees | 2i(3) | 80837 | |
| (4) IQPA audit fees | 2i(4) | 0 | |
| (5) Investment advisory and investment management fees | 2i(5) | 3195 | |
| (6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees | 2i(6) | 0 | |
| (7) Actuarial fees | 2i(7) | 0 | |
| (8) Legal fees | 2i(8) | 0 | |
| (9) Valuation/appraisal fees | 2i(9) | 0 | |
| (10) Other trustee fees and expenses | 2i(10) | 0 | |
| (11) Other expenses..... | 2i(11) | 0 | |
| (12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) | 2i(12) | | 84332 |
| j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total..... | 2j | | 2887924 |

Net Income and Reconciliation

| | | | |
|---|--------------|--|----------|
| k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d | 2k | | 11898893 |
| l Transfers of assets: | | | |
| (1) To this plan..... | 2l(1) | | 0 |
| (2) From this plan | 2l(2) | | 0 |

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: **FGMK, LLC**

(2) EIN: **36-2929601**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG 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. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

| | Yes | No | Amount |
|--|-----|----|---------|
| 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.) | | X | |
| 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.) | | 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.) | | 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.) | | X | |
| e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond? | X | | 1000000 |
| f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty? | | 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? | | 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? | | 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.) | 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.) | | 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? | | X | |
| l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan? | | X | |
| m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.) | | 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. | | X | |

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) |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
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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 _____.

| | | |
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| 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> 2024 This Form is Open to Public Inspection. |
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

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| A Name of plan <u>HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 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>HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS</u> | D Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>81-1167081</u> | |

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| 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.....

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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): 04-6568107

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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| 3 | |
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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.) |
|----------------|---|

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.

| | | |
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| 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

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| 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

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| 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. |
|----------------|---|

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) and (b):

a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:
 Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____%
 High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____%

b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:
 0-5 years 5-10 years 10-15 years 15 years or more

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: _____

Part VII IRS Compliance Questions

21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? Yes No

21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).
 Design-based safe harbor method
 "Prior year" ADP test
 "Current year" ADP test
 N/A

22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter 06 / 30 / 2020 (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number Q702438A.

Heartland Veterinary Partners 401(k) Plan

Financial Statements and
Independent Auditor's Reports

December 31, 2024



HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Management of
Heartland Veterinary Partners 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Heartland Veterinary Partners 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 statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits 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 certification from qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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 Auditor's 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution 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 Auditor's 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether 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 one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor'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 audits of the financial statements and 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 other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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 schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is 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 schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is 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 related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution 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).

FGMK, LLC

Bannockburn, Illinois
July 23, 2025

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Investments, at fair value | \$ 32,303,006 | \$ 20,598,027 |
| Investments, at contract value | 268,631 | 252,236 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Employer contributions | 920,317 | 712,582 |
| Notes receivable from participants | <u>210,743</u> | <u>44,215</u> |
| | 33,702,697 | 21,607,060 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Excess contributions payable | <u>418,553</u> | <u>221,809</u> |
| | <u>\$ 33,284,144</u> | <u>\$ 21,385,251</u> |

See Independent Auditor's Report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ADDITIONS

Contributions:

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Employer | 924,589 |
| Participant | 8,419,608 |
| Rollover | 2,196,590 |

 11,540,787

Investment income:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Interest on notes receivable from participants | 13,108 |
| Interest and dividends | 858,162 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 2,374,760 |

 3,246,030

 14,786,817
DEDUCTIONS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Benefits paid to participants | 2,803,592 |
| Administrative expenses | 84,332 |

 2,887,924
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

11,898,893

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Beginning of year | 21,385,251 |
|-------------------|------------|

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| End of year | \$ 33,284,144 |
|-------------|---------------|

See Independent Auditor's Report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Heartland Veterinary Partners 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General. The Plan is sponsored by Heartland Veterinary Partners (the “Employer”), as defined in the Plan. The Plan is a defined contribution plan that covers all employees of the Employer. The Employer controls and manages the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

The Plan’s assets are currently managed and administered under the terms of an agreement between the Plan and Fidelity Management Trust Company (“Fidelity”). Fidelity is responsible for the recordkeeping of the Plan and is a qualified institution pursuant to ERISA.

The Plan’s assets are held in a trust. Fidelity serves as a trustee of Plan’s assets and is the “Trustee” of the Plan.

Eligibility. All employees are eligible to participate in the Plan following 3 months of continuous employment and working at least 250 hours during these months and reaching a minimum age of 18, as defined in the Plan. If the employee does not reach 250 hours during the first three months of employment, the employee is eligible to enter the Plan upon completing a year of service, as defined in the Plan document.

Participant Contributions. An eligible employee may elect to contribute a percentage of their earnings to the Plan, which are limited and subject to amounts established by the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”). Participant contribution elections may be changed by participant at any time. A participant’s earnings consist of total compensation including vacation pay, bonuses, tips, and overtime pay in a plan year. Participants may also contribute “catch-up” contributions and amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover).

Employer Contributions. The Employer may make a discretionary matching or profit-sharing contribution for all participants who are employed at the end of the year, which would be funded subsequent to year end. Any discretionary contributions are based upon participants’ annual compensation, subject to Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) limitations. The Employer elected to match a maximum of 1% (0.25% for each 1% of participant deferrals up to 4%) for the year ended December 31, 2024. Employer matching contributions was \$920,317 for the year ended December 31, 2024. There were no Employer profit-sharing contributions elected for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Participant Accounts. Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and Employer matching contributions, as well as allocations of Employer nonmatching contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Investment Options. Participants may direct their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to Plan provisions.

Vesting. Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer contributions is based upon years of continuous service. A participant is 25% vested per year until 100% vested after four years of credited service. However, if an active participant dies or becomes permanently disabled prior to attaining the normal retirement age, the participant’s account becomes 100% vested.

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HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Concluded)

Notes Receivable from Participants. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan's administrator ("Plan Administrator") at loan issuance. Principal and interest is paid ratably through bi-weekly payroll deductions.

Forfeited Accounts. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' non-vested accounts are used to reduce Plan administrative expenses or future Employer contributions. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$32,060 and \$2,936 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Plan used \$464 of forfeitures to offset Plan's administrative expenses, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Payment of Benefits. Upon retirement, disability, death, or termination of service, a participant is eligible to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the vested interest in his or her account. Other withdrawals from participant's account balances may be made under certain circumstances, as defined in the Plan document. Participants may also receive in-service distributions upon reaching age 59 ½.

Recent Legislation. The SECURE Act 2.0 was signed into law on December 23, 2022. The SECURE Act 2.0 allows more part-time workers to participate, increases the age for required minimum distributions and reduces the penalty for missed minimum distributions, permits plan participants to elect to receive vested employer contributions on an after-tax basis, and allows penalty free withdrawal for terminal illness, effective January 1, 2023. Additionally, it will allow for higher catch-up contributions, allow for matching contributions on student loan payments, permit plan sponsors to add an emergency savings account to their retirement plans, increase the availability of penalty-free withdrawals, and add automatic enrollment error relief provisions, effective January 1, 2024. Many of the provisions in SECURE 2.0 went effective in 2023, but SECURE 2.0 will not be completely implemented until 2027.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared the accrual method of accounting.

Estimates and Assumptions. The preparation of the Plan's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates. Future events and their effects cannot be predicted with certainty; accordingly, accounting estimates require the exercise of judgment. Accounting estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements change as new events occur, as more experience is acquired, as additional information is obtained, and as the operating environment changes.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Substantially all the Plan's assets were held by the Trustee. The Trustee is a qualified institution pursuant to ERISA.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition. Investments are reported at fair value except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. 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. The Plan's valuation policies are determined utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians, and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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See Independent Auditor's Report.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Concluded)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Concluded). Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants. Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participants' loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefit Payments. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses. Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Employer. Expenses that are paid by the Employer 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.

NOTE 3 – INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE OF THE PLAN ASSETS

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the Trustee has certified certain information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate as follows:

- Investments and the notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.
- Investment income and interest income from notes receivable from participants as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- Note 4: All investment balances.
- The schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2024, as shown on Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1.** Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2.** Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Concluded)

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual Funds and Money Market Funds. Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

The preceding method described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan Administrator believes the valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

| | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual funds | \$ 32,206,544 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 32,206,544 |
| Money market account | 96,462 | - | - | 96,462 |
| Total Investment Assets at Fair Value | <u>\$ 32,303,006</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 32,303,006</u> |
| | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023 | | | |
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual funds | \$ 20,582,182 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,582,182 |
| Money market account | 15,845 | - | - | 15,845 |
| Total Investment Assets at Fair Value | <u>\$ 20,598,027</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 20,598,027</u> |

NOTE 5 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer 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 the Plan is terminated, participants become 100% vested in their Employer discretionary contributions.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTE 6 – INCOME TAX STATUS**

The Plan uses a prototype plan document sponsored by Fidelity. Fidelity received a favorable determination letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020, which states that the prototype document satisfies the applicable provisions of the Code. The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

NOTE 7 – FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE CONTRACT

The Plan holds a traditional investment contract, Lincoln Stable Value Fund which meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 1.00%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Code.
2. Premature termination of the contracts.
3. Plan termination or merger.
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options.
5. Bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines.
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract.
3. A material misrepresentation.
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTE 8 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are shares of guaranteed investment contracts, and mutual and money market funds and are managed by the Trustee, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

NOTE 9 – RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of mutual funds, registered investment companies and other investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated all other known subsequent events from December 31, 2024 through July 23, 2025, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued, and is not aware of any material subsequent events occurring during this period that have not been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(k) PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

DECEMBER 31, 2024

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 81-1167081

PLAN NUMBER: 001

| (a) | (b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party | (c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value | (d) Cost | (e) Current Value |
|-----|---|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2040 IPR | Mutual Fund | \$ | 4,334,287 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2050 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 4,220,844 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2035 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 3,395,036 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2055 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 3,544,317 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2045 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 2,648,563 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2030 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 2,588,982 |
| | * Fidelity 500 Index | Mutual Fund | | 2,504,295 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2060 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 2,488,980 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2025 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 1,860,451 |
| | * Fidelity Capital Appreciation | Mutual Fund | | 870,265 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2020 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 843,888 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2065 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 477,961 |
| | Columbia Dividend Income Fund Institutional 3 | Mutual Fund | | 441,444 |
| | * Fidelity Mid Cap Index | Mutual Fund | | 392,408 |
| | * Fidelity International Index | Mutual Fund | | 380,702 |
| | DFA US Small Cap Value | Mutual Fund | | 228,119 |
| | * Fidelity Small Cap Index | Mutual Fund | | 226,720 |
| | Dodge & Cox Income I | Mutual Fund | | 210,737 |
| | Putnam Intl Val R6 | Mutual Fund | | 173,292 |
| | * Fidelity US Bond Index | Mutual Fund | | 165,016 |
| | FID Overseas | Mutual Fund | | 101,456 |
| | * Fidelity Government Money Market | Money Market Fund | | 96,462 |
| | SBH Small Cap Growth Institutional | Mutual Fund | | 74,151 |
| | C&S Real Estate Z | Mutual Fund | | 30,645 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index Inc PR | Mutual Fund | | 3,541 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2070 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 397 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2010 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 47 |
| | Lincoln Stable Value | Guaranteed Insurance Contract | | 268,631 |
| | * Participant Loans | Interest rates of 8.75% - 10.00%, maturing from 2025 to 2030 | | 210,743 |
| | | | | <u>\$ 32,782,380</u> |

*Party-in-interest

Heartland Veterinary Partners 401(k) Plan

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HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Plan Administrator and Management of
Heartland Veterinary Partners 401(k) Plan

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

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Heartland Veterinary Partners 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 statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits 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 certification from qualified institution as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2024, 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 Auditor's 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- the information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution 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 Auditor's 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether 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 one year after the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

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.

Auditor's 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 auditor's 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedule, Schedule of Assets Held at End of Year as of December 31, 2024, is presented for purposes of additional analysis is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor'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 audits of the financial statements and 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 other additional procedures in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. 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 schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including their form and content, is 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 schedule, other than the information in the supplemental schedule that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is 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 related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution 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).

FGMK, LLC

Bannockburn, Illinois
July 23, 2025

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023

| | <u>2024</u> | <u>2023</u> |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Investments, at fair value | \$ 32,303,006 | \$ 20,598,027 |
| Investments, at contract value | 268,631 | 252,236 |
| Receivables: | | |
| Employer contributions | 920,317 | 712,582 |
| Notes receivable from participants | <u>210,743</u> | <u>44,215</u> |
| | 33,702,697 | 21,607,060 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Excess contributions payable | <u>418,553</u> | <u>221,809</u> |
| | <u>\$ 33,284,144</u> | <u>\$ 21,385,251</u> |

See Independent Auditor's Report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(k) PLAN

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

ADDITIONS

Contributions:

| | |
|-------------|-----------|
| Employer | 924,589 |
| Participant | 8,419,608 |
| Rollover | 2,196,590 |

11,540,787

Investment income:

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Interest on notes receivable from participants | 13,108 |
| Interest and dividends | 858,162 |
| Net appreciation in fair value of investments | 2,374,760 |

3,246,030

14,786,817
DEDUCTIONS

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Benefits paid to participants | 2,803,592 |
| Administrative expenses | 84,332 |

2,887,924
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

11,898,893

NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS

| | |
|-------------------|------------|
| Beginning of year | 21,385,251 |
|-------------------|------------|

| | |
|-------------|---------------|
| End of year | \$ 33,284,144 |
|-------------|---------------|

See Independent Auditor's Report.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Heartland Veterinary Partners 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the summary plan description for a more complete description of the Plan’s provisions.

General. The Plan is sponsored by Heartland Veterinary Partners (the “Employer”), as defined in the Plan. The Plan is a defined contribution plan that covers all employees of the Employer. The Employer controls and manages the operation and administration of the Plan. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”).

The Plan’s assets are currently managed and administered under the terms of an agreement between the Plan and Fidelity Management Trust Company (“Fidelity”). Fidelity is responsible for the recordkeeping of the Plan and is a qualified institution pursuant to ERISA.

The Plan’s assets are held in a trust. Fidelity serves as a trustee of Plan’s assets and is the “Trustee” of the Plan.

Eligibility. All employees are eligible to participate in the Plan following 3 months of continuous employment and working at least 250 hours during these months and reaching a minimum age of 18, as defined in the Plan. If the employee does not reach 250 hours during the first three months of employment, the employee is eligible to enter the Plan upon completing a year of service, as defined in the Plan document.

Participant Contributions. An eligible employee may elect to contribute a percentage of their earnings to the Plan, which are limited and subject to amounts established by the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”). Participant contribution elections may be changed by participant at any time. A participant’s earnings consist of total compensation including vacation pay, bonuses, tips, and overtime pay in a plan year. Participants may also contribute “catch-up” contributions and amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover).

Employer Contributions. The Employer may make a discretionary matching or profit-sharing contribution for all participants who are employed at the end of the year, which would be funded subsequent to year end. Any discretionary contributions are based upon participants’ annual compensation, subject to Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) limitations. The Employer elected to match a maximum of 1% (0.25% for each 1% of participant deferrals up to 4%) for the year ended December 31, 2024. Employer matching contributions was \$920,317 for the year ended December 31, 2024. There were no Employer profit-sharing contributions elected for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Participant Accounts. Each participant’s account is credited with the participant’s contributions and Employer matching contributions, as well as allocations of Employer nonmatching contributions and Plan earnings. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings, account balances, or specific participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant’s vested account.

Investment Options. Participants may direct their contributions among one or more funds subject to the allocation limitations set forth in the Plan. Changes in allocation of future contributions and transfers among funds of presently invested contributions are permitted pursuant to Plan provisions.

Vesting. Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus earnings thereon. Vesting in the Employer contributions is based upon years of continuous service. A participant is 25% vested per year until 100% vested after four years of credited service. However, if an active participant dies or becomes permanently disabled prior to attaining the normal retirement age, the participant’s account becomes 100% vested.

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HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 – DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (Concluded)

Notes Receivable from Participants. Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000, up to a maximum of \$50,000 or 50% of their account balance, whichever is less. The loans are secured by the vested balance in the participant's account and bear interest at rates which are commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined by the Plan's administrator ("Plan Administrator") at loan issuance. Principal and interest is paid ratably through bi-weekly payroll deductions.

Forfeited Accounts. Forfeited balances of terminated participants' non-vested accounts are used to reduce Plan administrative expenses or future Employer contributions. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided from the participant's vested account. Forfeited nonvested accounts totaled \$32,060 and \$2,936 as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Plan used \$464 of forfeitures to offset Plan's administrative expenses, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Payment of Benefits. Upon retirement, disability, death, or termination of service, a participant is eligible to receive a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the vested interest in his or her account. Other withdrawals from participant's account balances may be made under certain circumstances, as defined in the Plan document. Participants may also receive in-service distributions upon reaching age 59 ½.

Recent Legislation. The SECURE Act 2.0 was signed into law on December 23, 2022. The SECURE Act 2.0 allows more part-time workers to participate, increases the age for required minimum distributions and reduces the penalty for missed minimum distributions, permits plan participants to elect to receive vested employer contributions on an after-tax basis, and allows penalty free withdrawal for terminal illness, effective January 1, 2023. Additionally, it will allow for higher catch-up contributions, allow for matching contributions on student loan payments, permit plan sponsors to add an emergency savings account to their retirement plans, increase the availability of penalty-free withdrawals, and add automatic enrollment error relief provisions, effective January 1, 2024. Many of the provisions in SECURE 2.0 went effective in 2023, but SECURE 2.0 will not be completely implemented until 2027.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared the accrual method of accounting.

Estimates and Assumptions. The preparation of the Plan's financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results may differ from those estimates. Future events and their effects cannot be predicted with certainty; accordingly, accounting estimates require the exercise of judgment. Accounting estimates used in the preparation of these financial statements change as new events occur, as more experience is acquired, as additional information is obtained, and as the operating environment changes.

Concentration of Credit Risk. Substantially all the Plan's assets were held by the Trustee. The Trustee is a qualified institution pursuant to ERISA.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition. Investments are reported at fair value except for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts, which are reported at contract value. 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. The Plan's valuation policies are determined utilizing information provided by the investment advisers, custodians, and insurance company. See Note 4 for discussion of fair value measurements. Contract value is the relevant measure for the portion of the net assets available for benefits of a defined contribution plan attributable to the fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because contract value is the amount participants normally would receive if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan.

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HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Concluded)

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition (Concluded). Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation (depreciation) includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants. Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Delinquent participants' loans are reclassified as distributions based upon the terms of the plan document.

Benefit Payments. Benefits are recorded when paid.

Administrative Expenses. Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid by the Plan, unless otherwise paid by the Employer. Expenses that are paid by the Employer 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.

NOTE 3 – INFORMATION CERTIFIED BY THE TRUSTEE OF THE PLAN ASSETS

The Plan Administrator has elected the method of annual reporting permitted by 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Accordingly, the Trustee has certified certain information included in the accompanying financial statements and supplemental schedule is complete and accurate as follows:

- Investments and the notes receivable from participants, as shown in the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.
- Investment income and interest income from notes receivable from participants as shown in the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended December 31, 2024.
- Note 4: All investment balances.
- The schedule of assets held at end of year as of December 31, 2024, as shown on Form 5500, Schedule H, Part IV, Line 4i.

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

FASB Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under FASB ASC 820 are described as follows:

- Level 1.** Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2.** Inputs to the valuation methodology include the following:
- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
 - Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
 - Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
 - Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

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HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 4 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Concluded)

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodology used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the methodologies used as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual Funds and Money Market Funds. Valued at the closing price reported on the active market on which the individual securities are traded.

The preceding method described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan Administrator believes the valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of December 31, 2024 and 2023:

| | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2024 | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual funds | \$ 32,206,544 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 32,206,544 |
| Money market account | 96,462 | - | - | 96,462 |
| Total Investment Assets at Fair Value | <u>\$ 32,303,006</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 32,303,006</u> |
| | Assets at Fair Value as of December 31, 2023 | | | |
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Mutual funds | \$ 20,582,182 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 20,582,182 |
| Money market account | 15,845 | - | - | 15,845 |
| Total Investment Assets at Fair Value | <u>\$ 20,598,027</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 20,598,027</u> |

NOTE 5 – PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Employer 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 the Plan is terminated, participants become 100% vested in their Employer discretionary contributions.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTE 6 – INCOME TAX STATUS**

The Plan uses a prototype plan document sponsored by Fidelity. Fidelity received a favorable determination letter from the IRS dated June 30, 2020, which states that the prototype document satisfies the applicable provisions of the Code. The Plan itself has not received a determination letter from the IRS. Although the Plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter, the Plan Administrator believes that the Plan is designed and is currently being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code.

NOTE 7 – FULLY BENEFIT-RESPONSIVE CONTRACT

The Plan holds a traditional investment contract, Lincoln Stable Value Fund which meets the fully benefit-responsive investment contract criteria and therefore is reported at contract value. Contract value is the relevant measure for fully benefit-responsive investment contracts because this is the amount received by participants if they were to initiate permitted transactions under the terms of the Plan. Contract value represents contributions made under each contract, plus earnings, less participant withdrawals, and administrative expenses.

The traditional investment contract held by the Plan is a guaranteed investment contract. The contract issuer is contractually obligated to repay the principal and interest at a specified interest rate that is guaranteed to the Plan. The crediting rate is based on a formula established by the contract issuer but may not be less than 1.00%. The crediting rate is reviewed on a quarterly basis for resetting. The contract cannot be terminated before the scheduled maturity date.

The Plan's ability to receive amounts due in accordance with fully benefit-responsive investment contracts is dependent on the third-party issuer's ability to meet its financial obligations. The issuer's ability to meet its contractual obligations may be affected by future economic and regulatory developments.

Certain events might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuer. These events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. The Plan's failure to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code or the failure of the trust to be tax-exempt under Section 501(a) of the Code.
2. Premature termination of the contracts.
3. Plan termination or merger.
4. Changes to the Plan's prohibition on competing investment options.
5. Bankruptcy of the plan sponsor or other plan sponsor events (for example, divestitures or spinoffs of a subsidiary) that significantly affect the Plan's normal operations.

No events are probable of occurring that might limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the contract issuers and that also would limit the ability of the Plan to transact at contract value with the participants.

In addition, certain events allow the issuer to terminate the contracts with the Plan and settle at an amount different from contract value. Those events may be different under each contract. Examples of such events include the following:

1. An uncured violation of the Plan's investment guidelines.
2. A breach of material obligation under the contract.
3. A material misrepresentation.
4. A material amendment to the agreements without the consent of the issuer.

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(K) PLAN**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTE 8 – PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS**

Certain Plan investments are shares of guaranteed investment contracts, and mutual and money market funds and are managed by the Trustee, and therefore, these transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees paid by the Plan for investment management services were included as a reduction of the return earned on each fund.

NOTE 9 – RISK AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides for various investment options in any combination of mutual funds, registered investment companies and other investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, market and credit. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities and the level of uncertainty related to changes in the value of investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in risks in the near term would materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of net assets available for benefits and the statement of changes in net assets available for benefits.

NOTE 10 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated all other known subsequent events from December 31, 2024 through July 23, 2025, the date the accompanying financial statements were available to be issued, and is not aware of any material subsequent events occurring during this period that have not been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

HEARTLAND VETERINARY PARTNERS 401(k) PLAN

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS HELD AT END OF YEAR
FORM 5500, SCHEDULE H, PART IV, LINE 4i

DECEMBER 31, 2024

EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 81-1167081

PLAN NUMBER: 001

| (a) | (b) Identity of issue, borrower, lessor or similar party | (c) Description of investment including maturity date, rate of interest, collateral, par, or maturity value | (d) Cost | (e) Current Value |
|-----|---|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2040 IPR | Mutual Fund | \$ | 4,334,287 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2050 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 4,220,844 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2035 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 3,395,036 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2055 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 3,544,317 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2045 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 2,648,563 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2030 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 2,588,982 |
| | * Fidelity 500 Index | Mutual Fund | | 2,504,295 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2060 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 2,488,980 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2025 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 1,860,451 |
| | * Fidelity Capital Appreciation | Mutual Fund | | 870,265 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2020 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 843,888 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2065 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 477,961 |
| | Columbia Dividend Income Fund Institutional 3 | Mutual Fund | | 441,444 |
| | * Fidelity Mid Cap Index | Mutual Fund | | 392,408 |
| | * Fidelity International Index | Mutual Fund | | 380,702 |
| | DFA US Small Cap Value | Mutual Fund | | 228,119 |
| | * Fidelity Small Cap Index | Mutual Fund | | 226,720 |
| | Dodge & Cox Income I | Mutual Fund | | 210,737 |
| | Putnam Intl Val R6 | Mutual Fund | | 173,292 |
| | * Fidelity US Bond Index | Mutual Fund | | 165,016 |
| | FID Overseas | Mutual Fund | | 101,456 |
| | * Fidelity Government Money Market | Money Market Fund | | 96,462 |
| | SBH Small Cap Growth Institutional | Mutual Fund | | 74,151 |
| | C&S Real Estate Z | Mutual Fund | | 30,645 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index Inc PR | Mutual Fund | | 3,541 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2070 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 397 |
| | * Fidelity Freedom Index 2010 IPR | Mutual Fund | | 47 |
| | Lincoln Stable Value | Guaranteed Insurance Contract | | 268,631 |
| | * Participant Loans | Interest rates of 8.75% - 10.00%, maturing from 2025 to 2030 | | 210,743 |
| | | | | <u>\$ 32,782,380</u> |

*Party-in-interest