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## **AMBITIOUS GROWTH PLANS SEE LOCAL CHARITY PUT ITS ADMINISTRATIVE CENTRE UP FOR SALE**

Lanwades Hall, home of the Animal Health Trust, marketed for £2.5 million

Local charity, the Animal Health Trust (AHT), based in Kentford, has placed Lanwades Hall, currently home to a number of the charity's support teams, on the market.

Stephen Masson, Chief Operating Officer of the AHT, said: "Lanwades Hall is a beautiful building but it no longer meets the needs of the charity. Our plan is to sell Lanwades Hall and build a purpose-built office building within the grounds of Lanwades Park which will better serve what we are trying to achieve."

The charity, which celebrates its 75 anniversary in 2017, has had a base at Lanwades Park since the 1960s. It owns 120 acres of wood and parkland at Lanwades Park, housing veterinary referral clinics, diagnostic laboratory services and scientific laboratories undertaking pioneering research into diseases and injuries affecting horses, dogs and cats, including cancer, epilepsy, Strangles, equine grass sickness, laminitis and various blinding eye conditions.

The AHT has two veterinary referral clinics; one for horses and one for dogs and cats which see in excess of 3,500 new patients a year. Demand for treatment continues to grow and the charity is quick to reassure that, despite the sale of Lanwades Hall, it is very much business as normal for the AHT.

Stephen Masson added: "We're not going anywhere! The charity is going from strength to strength and we have ambitious plans to further our work to help more

animals. Within our small animal and equine clinics, there are more animals than ever in need of our help and we have to maximise every opportunity we have to provide the best future for them. After all, that is what the Animal Health Trust exists to do – to make life better for generations of animals.”

Owners of animals currently under the care of the AHT are advised that the sale will have no impact on service - appointments and access to both veterinary clinics will remain the same. No one currently accessing any part of the site for other reasons will experience any change as a result of this marketing exercise.

For further information on the sale of Lanwades Hall, please contact Jock Lloyd-Jones at Jackson-Stops and Staff on 01638 662231.

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**Additional notes:**

- The Animal Health Trust (AHT) is an independent charity, employing over 200 scientists, vets and support workers. It aims to improve the health and welfare of horses, dogs and cats through research. It also provides specialist referral services and continuous education to vets. Visit the website at [www.aht.org.uk](http://www.aht.org.uk)