

OpenVet: Dr. Andrew Heller Joins as Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer

Dr. Heller, IndeVets co-founder Joins Founder Adam Sager to Help Build Medical-Grade Intelligence Infrastructure for Veterinary Medicine

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, January 7, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [OpenVet](#) today announced that Andrew Heller, DVM, joined as Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer. Dr. Heller is partnering with Founder and CEO Adam Sager to advance OpenVet's mission to arm every veterinarian with the world's best intelligence, empowering them to practice at the absolute limit of clinical judgment.

Dr. Heller brings rare credibility across both frontline clinical medicine and large-scale veterinary systems. Prior to OpenVet, he was a co-founder and long-time leader at IndeVets, where he helped shape clinical standards, quality systems, and mentorship frameworks as the workforce scaled nationwide. As Chief Medical Officer, he led the development of clinical governance and support structures for veterinarians. As Chief Growth Officer, he helped expand the organization to more than 250 veterinarians and over 4,000 hospital partners.

That experience directly informs OpenVet's approach. Building medical infrastructure requires more than technical capability. It requires an understanding of how standards are earned, how trust is maintained, and how systems behave under real clinical pressure. As COO, Dr. Heller will focus on translating clinical reality into system design, protecting medical rigor as the platform scales, and ensuring that adoption maintains and promotes professional standards.

"Andrew understands [veterinary medicine](#) not as an abstraction, but as a system with real



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constraints, tradeoffs, and consequences," said Adam Sager, Founder and CEO of OpenVet. "He has built clinical standards, earned practitioner trust, and scaled a platform inside the profession. That combination is essential to building infrastructure veterinarians can rely on in real clinical moments."

Sager previously founded and scaled Canary, a category-defining AI and IoT company, and brings more than a decade of experience building high-stakes AI and machine learning systems where trust, safety, and accountability are non-negotiable.

"I joined OpenVet because veterinary medicine needs shared intelligence that respects how clinicians actually reason under pressure," said Dr. Andrew Heller. "Across species, across practice types, and across levels of uncertainty, veterinarians need systems that clarify thinking rather than replace it. OpenVet is building a computable medical framework that makes assumptions explicit, shows its reasoning, and supports professional judgment rather than undermining it."

Dr. Heller joining strengthens OpenVet's ability to build technology that is not only powerful, but trusted, adopted, and clinically defensible in real practice environments. More than 30 billion animals live under human care worldwide, including companion animals, working animals, and animals in global food systems. Despite their central role in human life and economies, veterinary medicine has never had a unified medical system.



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"Clinicians operate across dozens of species and practice contexts, relying on fragmented evidence while making time-critical decisions under uncertainty and direct responsibility for patient outcomes," said Dr. Heller. "This structural gap is no longer sustainable at modern scale. Additionally, the new distributive veterinary schools without teaching hospitals and the lack of consistent mentorship across the industry have eroded the confidence of new graduates," he added.

OpenVet is building the underlying [medical intelligence infrastructure](#) for animal health, decoding that complexity into a single computable medical framework that supports how veterinarians actually think and act in practice.

"OpenVet is foundational infrastructure," said Adam Sager. "The system converts authoritative veterinary knowledge into structured, defensible clinical intelligence that can be queried, reasoned over, and audited at the point of care. Its core principle is explicit responsibility. That means that clinical judgment remains with the veterinarian, and the system is built to surface assumptions, show its reasoning, and make uncertainty visible rather than obscure it," concluded Sager.

OpenVet's guiding principle is simple and uncompromising. The health, safety, and welfare of the animal patient is the paramount priority. As computational systems increasingly influence clinical decision-making, responsibility cannot be abstracted or outsourced. OpenVet is built to support veterinarians, and to raise the standard for what clinical intelligence systems must be able to explain, justify, and defend.

Founders Heller and Sager will be attending VMX, introducing OpenVet to a broader veterinary audience and expanding OpenVet's exclusive beta program.

Hiring

OpenVet is assembling a small, senior team focused on medical-grade intelligence systems.

Current roles include:

Senior AI Engineer, Reasoning Systems

AI Scientist or Researcher, Foundational Intelligence

Full-Stack Machine Learning Engineer, Applied Clinical Systems

Interested candidates can reach out at humans@openvet.ai.

About OpenVet

OpenVet is building the underlying medical intelligence infrastructure for animal health. The company decodes species complexity, fragmented evidence, and real clinical risk into a single computable medical framework. Its mission is to arm every veterinarian with the world's best intelligence, empowering them to practice at the absolute limit of their potential. OpenVet turns veterinary knowledge into structured clinical intelligence that supports clarity, accountability, and patient safety at the point of care.

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