



## **Medgene's RHDV2 Vaccine Now Available in Single-Dose Vials**

### **Single-dose innovation improves efficiency for vaccinating against fatal disease in rabbits**

(Brookings, SD) – Medgene will now have single-dose vials for vaccination against Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV2), protecting rabbits from this fatal disease. This new presentation will assist veterinarians in better protecting their rabbit clientele.

“Medgene’s single-dose vials represent an important advancement in RHDV2 vaccines,” said Medgene’s rabbit specialist, Dr. Gary Anderson. “This innovative technology goes well beyond concentrating existing product and putting it in a smaller bottle.”

The development of the single-dose RHDV2 vaccine vial involved collaboration with key rabbit veterinarians and the USDA Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB), use of Medgene’s Spice™ bioinformatics technology and Medgene’s extensive regulatory acumen.

“It’s easier using a single-dose vial for an individual patient,” said Dr. Anthony Pilny, Medical Director, Arizona Exotic Animal Hospital and Medgene advisory board member. “RHD is still an important disease, and we still hear about new cases in new counties. This is the only vaccine we have available, and we’re grateful for it.”

RHDV2 is now considered endemic in the U.S. The virus can be spread through direct contact or exposure to an infected rabbit’s excretions or blood. The virus can also survive and be spread from carcasses, food, water, and any contaminated materials. This virus affects both domestic and wild rabbits. Infected rabbits may develop a fever, be hesitant to eat, or show respiratory or nervous signs. However, many times, the only signs of the disease are sudden death and has a 60 to 90 percent fatality rate.

“Some 90 percent of rabbits are not seen by exotic veterinarians, and using Medgene’s RHDV2 vaccine provides general practitioners a different tool to recommend for preventative care,” said Dr. Micah Kohles, Woodland Animal Hospital, Hickman, Neb. “This single-dose vial is exciting and in the right interest in animal welfare and protecting rabbits.”

Medgene’s single-dose vials of RHDV2 vaccine will be available for order in first quarter 2025. The single-dose vaccines will be available in a 20-count clamshell container.

Medgene’s RHDV2 vaccine is the only one allowed by the USDA for veterinary use in the United States.

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#### **ABOUT MEDGENE**

Medgene is an animal health company headquartered in Brookings, South Dakota. Medgene produces platform vaccines, allowing veterinarians to safely respond to diseases faster and more efficiently. Our prescription platform vaccines are free from ingredients of animal origin and made using a proprietary bioinformatics system, Spice™. Medgene’s prescription platform vaccine technology is licensed in cattle, swine, with a conditional license for rabbits and an experimental use license for white-tailed deer.

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