

News Release

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Humpback Whales Lost in Sacramento River To Receive Treatment from Bayer Animal Health

*Donated product will be used to speed healing of whales' wounds, strengthening them
for trip to Pacific Ocean*

SHAWNEE, Kan. (May 26, 2007) — Bayer Animal Health and partner veterinarians worked throughout the night on Friday to deliver a special formulation of donated product that will assist the rescue efforts for two humpback whales that have been wandering in the Sacramento River for several days.

According to the latest update from the NOAA's National Ocean Service, Office of Response and Restoration, on Saturday, veterinarians and marine biologists will continue to conduct health assessment activities on the whales, which may involve sampling the skin and breath. The team is also continuing to pursue the formulations and delivery methods for administering antibiotics to the whales.

“As one of the worldwide leaders in the animal health industry, Bayer has been committed to helping strengthen the bond between animals and humans for nearly 90 years. The intense rescue efforts for these whales and the public's interest in their wellbeing demonstrates that our bond with animals extends from dogs and cats all the way to whales,” said Dr. Cary Christensen, senior director of veterinary services for Bayer HealthCare, Animal Health Division. “We're honored to be able to assist in the recovery efforts and will continue to keep the whales and the rescuers in our thoughts.”

The whales have suffered wounds after an apparent collision with a boat's propeller, and the rescuers led by veterinarians from the Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, Calif., have grown concerned that the continuing deterioration of the wounds could prohibit the rescue efforts.

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About Bayer Animal Health

Bayer HealthCare, a subsidiary of Bayer AG, is one of the world's leading, innovative companies in the healthcare and medical products industry and is based in Leverkusen, Germany. The company combines the global activities of the Animal Health, Consumer Care, Diabetes Care and Pharmaceuticals divisions. The pharmaceuticals business operates under the name Bayer Schering Pharma AG. Bayer HealthCare's aim is to discover and manufacture products that will improve human and animal health worldwide.

With sales of EUR 905 million (2006), the Animal Health Division is one of the world's leading manufacturers of veterinary drugs. The division manufactures and markets approximately 100 different veterinary drugs and care products for food-supplying animals and companion animals (dogs, cats, horses).