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Putney appoints Idexx vet Dupree as COO

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Putney Inc., the Portland, Maine, pharmaceutical firm developing generic prescription medicine for pets, has appointed a new chief operating officer in TJ Dupree, a veteran of another Maine pet health tech firm, Idexx Laboratories Inc.

Dupree, who will oversee Putney's commercial operations, previously was corporate vice president of the Companion Animal Group at Idexx's Westbrook, Maine-based headquarters. There, he also served as VP of strategy and business development. Prior to Idexx, he was manager of the Boston Consulting Group.

Putney founder and CEO Jean Hoffman, a [2011 Mass High Tech Women to Watch honoree](#), noted that Dupree's role in building out the company's operations stems from its [\\$21 million Series C funding round](#) that closed in October. That financing, led by Safeguard Scientifics Inc. and NewSpring Capital, was expected to support Putney's product development, sale and marketing and general operations.

The company's previous funding came in the form of a [\\$6.7 million Series B round](#) in 2009.

Founded in 2006, Putney added nine management and R&D/regulatory employees to its staff in 2011, and it said in a news release that it plans to add another 10 to its commercial and technical team this year.

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