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CarGurus Will Offer Free Marketplace Subscriptions in December for UK Dealers Due to Lockdowns

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- CarGurus will waive December marketplace subscription fees for subscribing dealers on CarGurus and PistonHeads in the UK
- Company will also offer free trials for Area Boost product to expand dealers' reach to buyers for vehicles available for delivery
- CarGurus is committed to supporting dealers during the lockdown, driving leads and enabling dealers to continue to engage with buyers through CarGurus' Contactless Services

LONDON, Nov. 06, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- CarGurus (Nasdaq: CARG), the fastest growing online automotive marketplace in the UK¹, today announced it will waive December marketplace subscription fees for dealers currently on CarGurus UK and PistonHeads platforms. The company is also offering free trials of its Area Boost product to its CarGurus' customers in December. The announcement comes on the heels of a second lockdown impacting dealers in parts of the UK.

Waiving fees in December provides needed cost relief for dealers as the year closes, enabling them to continue to engage with buyers via the CarGurus UK and PistonHeads platforms, build customer pipeline, and drive contactless sales in accordance with latest Government restrictions. Area Boost is a new product from CarGurus that lets dealers expand their audience reach by advertising vehicles available for delivery to buyers outside their local area. Dealers can learn more about Area Boost <u>here</u>.

Wendy Harris, UK Managing Director at CarGurus and PistonHeads, said: "As we've seen throughout the pandemic, this industry is incredibly resilient. At CarGurus, we are going to continue to do what it takes to support our dealer partners during this period, so that they can continue to serve buyers now and build a pipeline for future sales.

"Although a second lockdown is certainly challenging, we're encouraged to see that so many dealers have adapted their businesses in recent months. They are now better placed to pivot to remote operations and are highlighting this through our Area Boost and Contactless Services offerings."

Earlier this year, in response to the pandemic, CarGurus was the first among the major UK automotive marketplace sites² to offer substantial discounts to dealers from April through until the end of June. After the first lockdown, consumer demand on CarGurus returned steadily and dealers rapidly adapted to COVID-19 guidelines, including adoption of Contactless Services.

Dealers can find more COVID-19 information and learn how CarGurus can be a partner and resource at this time by visiting the new Driving Difference section of the CarGurus Dealer Resource Centre: https://dealercentre.cargurus.co.uk/driving-difference/

- CarGurus is the fastest growing online automotive marketplace in the UK among its nearest competitors based on the year over year percent change in average unique monthly visitors comparing Jan - Sept 2019 to Jan - Sept 2020 (Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform[®], Total Audience, Custom-defined list includes CarGurus.CO.UK, Motors.CO.UK, AutoTrader.CO.UK, <u>Gumtree.com</u>, Jan 2019-Sept 2020, UK)
- 2. CarGurus defines major automotive marketplace sites in the United Kingdom as CarGurus.CO.UK, Motors.CO.UK, AutoTrader.CO.UK, Pistonheads.com, and Gumtree.com.

About CarGurus:

Founded in 2006 by Langley Steinert (also a co-founder of TripAdvisor), CarGurus (Nasdaq: CARG) is a global, online automotive marketplace connecting buyers and sellers of cars. The company uses proprietary technology, search algorithms and data analytics to bring trust and transparency to the automotive search experience and help users find great deals from top rated dealers. CarGurus is the most visited automotive shopping site in the U.S. (source: Comscore Media Metrix[®] Multi-Platform, Automotive – Information/Resources, Total Audience, Q3 2020, U.S. (Competitive set: CarGurus.com, Autotrader.com, Cars.com, TrueCar.com)). CarGurus launched in the UK in 2015 and is the fastest growing online automotive marketplace in the UK among its nearest competitors based on the year over year percent change in average unique monthly visitors comparing Jan - Sept 2019 to Jan - Sept 2020 (Source: Comscore MMX Multi-Platform[®], Total Audience, Custom-defined list includes CarGurus.CO.UK, Motors.CO.UK, AutoTrader.CO.UK, <u>Gumtree.com</u>, Jan 2019 – Sept 2020, UK). In 2019, CarGurus acquired UK-based <u>PistonHeads.com</u>, which it operates as an independent brand. In addition to the United Kingdom and the United States, CarGurus also operates an online marketplace in Canada.

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