

Professional Practice Guidelines for Veterinarian

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only prescribe, deliver, or have delivered prescription drugs when a VCPR has been established and you have determined that the prescription drug is therapeutically indicated for the health and/or well being of the animal. You cannot fill prescriptions from other veterinarians.

- A. Written prescriptions can be filled at a pharmacy of the client's choice. A written prescription for a drug must be provided upon request if a valid VCPR has been established. All written prescriptions should include the following information:
 - 1. the name, address, telephone number, license number and signature of the prescribing veterinarian;
 - 2. the name and address of the client;
 - 3. the species and name, number or other identifying information for the animal;
 - 4. the name, strength and quantity of the drug(s);
 - 5. directions for use including, if applicable, withdrawal time;
 - 6. date of issue;
 - 7. number of refills; and
 - 8. Dispense as Written box.
- B. Drugs dispensed from a veterinary pharmacy should be labeled with the following information:
 - 1. name, address and telephone number of the facility;
 - 2. client's name;
 - 3. the species and name, number, or other identifying information for the animal;
 - 4. date dispensed;
 - 5. directions for use, including withdrawal time and precautionary information, if applicable;
 - 6. the manufacturer's trade name of the drug or the generic name, strength (if more than one dosage form exists), quantity of drug and the expiration date when established by the manufacturer; and
 - 7. name of prescribing veterinarian.
- C. Drugs should not be prescribed for a duration that is inconsistent with the patient's medical condition. The drug should not be prescribed for a period of more than one year from the date that you have examined the patient and prescribed the drug, unless you have conducted a subsequent examination of the patient and determined that there is a continued need for the prescribed drug.
- D. Childproof containers should be used unless otherwise requested by the client (an exception would be a drug that is prepackaged, for example, and dispensed with appropriate labeling).

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not prescribe, dispense, deliver, or order any controlled substance unless you are currently registered with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). However, if you are not a veterinarian registered by the DEA but you are a DEA unregistered veterinarian employed by a DEA registered veterinarian you may [dispense or] administer controlled substances if the DEA registered veterinarian **has designated you to do so** and you **administer such substances under his or her direction and supervision** [knowledge that you are using the drugs in the usual course of your employment].