

***Antibiotic Amnesty content for practice newsletters/social media posts: Please find below a range of content you can cut and paste into newsletters and social media posts to engage your clients in the Antibiotic Amnesty.***

### **Antibiotic Amnesty 2023**

Antibiotics are essential when treating many conditions in animals and people, but bacteria are becoming resistant to many antibiotics that we use in human and veterinary medicine. Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria develop defences that protect them from antibiotic medications, making treatment less effective.

Using antibiotics when not needed increases the risk of antibiotic resistance and can lead to side effects or delay an accurate diagnosis.

It is also really important to know that inappropriate disposal of unused antibiotics could contribute to antimicrobial resistance. It can also pollute the environment by entering water systems or being consumed by wildlife.

**Antibiotic resistance is a global health issue, and we need your help to keep antibiotics working.**

That is why [veterinary practice name] is taking part in the Antibiotic Amnesty 2023 which is returning again for a second year! Throughout November 2023 we are asking pet owners to return any unused or leftover antibiotic medications to us for safe disposal.

Please drop off any unused medications to your practice. You can hand them in to a vet, nurse or the reception team. This medication might be left-over from a recent prescription, antibiotics that you didn't need or out-of-date medication.

Let's keep antibiotics working, together!

#AntibioticAmnesty