

Social posts – content suggestions for the Antibiotic Amnesty

Please note there are supporting graphics you can download to use with these posts or you could make your own graphics. The full toolkit is available

here: [vet antibioticamnesty – RUMA CA&E \(rumacae.org.uk\)](https://rumacae.org.uk)

- Our practice is taking part in the 2023 Antibiotic Amnesty. 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 us at the 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 This medication might be left-over from a recent prescription, antibiotics that you didn't need or out-of-date medication.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!
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- What is Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)?
 - o Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria develop defences that protect them from antibiotic medications, making treatment less effectiveAntimicrobial resistance (AMR) is an increasing problem worldwide, affecting both human and animal health. Antibiotics are essential when treating many conditions in animals and people, but bacteria are becoming resistant to many antibiotics that we rely on in human and veterinary medicine. Our practice is taking part in the antibiotic amnesty this November. Clients can return any unused or out of date antibiotics to us for safe disposal.
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- During November 2023 a National Antibiotic Amnesty is being held by vets, doctors and pharmacists. Our practice is taking part in the antibiotic amnesty and we are encouraging clients to return any unused or out of date antibiotics to us for safe disposal.
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- What to do if you have leftover or unused antibiotics:
 - o Return them to your vet practice for safe disposal
 - o Inappropriate disposal of unused antibiotics could contribute to antimicrobial resistance and pollute the environment through waterways, affecting our wildlife
 - o Don't ever give your pet, or any pet for which they haven't been prescribed, left-over or out of date antibiotics. Using antibiotics when not needed could risk side effects, delay an accurate diagnosis for your pet, mean that your pets condition may not be treatable, and contributes to antimicrobial resistance

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- **AMR and the environment**

- The environment is at risk if antibiotics aren't disposed of properly. If antibiotics are disposed of inappropriately e.g. via household waste, this can contribute to antimicrobial resistance in the environment
- Always return unused or out of date antibiotics to your vet for safe disposal
- Antimicrobial resistance is one of the biggest global health issues of our time. We must act, together.

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Client quiz:

- Take our client quiz and test your knowledge of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). We'd love to hear how you got on. Did any of the answers surprise you? Leave us a comment below.

[Antibiotic Amnesty Quiz 2023 Survey \(surveymonkey.co.uk\)](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk)

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