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The Animal Medicines Amnesty

Client Information Sheet

Everyone has a role to both use and dispose of veterinary medicines responsibly to protect pet and human wellbeing, and the health of the environment.

That's why we are taking part in **The Animal Medicines Amnesty**. Getting involved is easy. If you have any out-of-date and/or unused pet medications at home, simply return them to your veterinary practice for safe disposal.

What are the impacts if pet medications aren't used properly or disposed of safely?

Unused or out-of-date pet medicines should **never** be put in household waste or flushed down the toilet. **Any** pet medication, if disposed of or used inappropriately, has the potential to contaminate the environment or harm your pet (or other pets) if kept for future use as it could lead to dangerous side-effects. Some medications like antibiotics, wormers or flea treatments may also lead to the build-up of resistance if used when not really needed – this means that they may not work effectively in the future if your pet needs them.

How to get involved

- If you have any out-of-date or unused pet medications return these to your vet for safe disposal. Never put them in household waste or down the toilet
- If you are using flea treatments, follow the instructions carefully for safe use and disposal and if unsure, ask your vet for advice
- If using spot-ons, don't take your pet to the groomers, bath your pet or let your pet swim in waterways after treatment to avoid environmental contamination