

Use a Valid Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship as the Basis for Medication Decision-making

Good Production Practice #1

Assuring Quality Care for Animals

Food Animal Quality Assurance

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Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship (VCPR)

- **Important to establish**
 - Manage the health of project animal(s)
 - Prevention of drug residues
- **Required for prescription drugs, extra-label drug use and Veterinary Feed Directives (VFD)**

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VCPR

- **What is needed for this relationship?**
 - Required that the veterinarian:
 - has seen and has knowledge of the animal
 - has discussed a healthy plan or any treatments with the owner



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Basic Classes of Drugs

1. Over the Counter Drugs (OTC)

- Can be purchased without a prescription
- Should consult veterinarian before use
- MUST follow label instructions EXACTLY.



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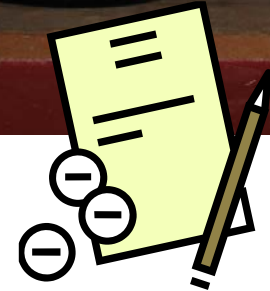
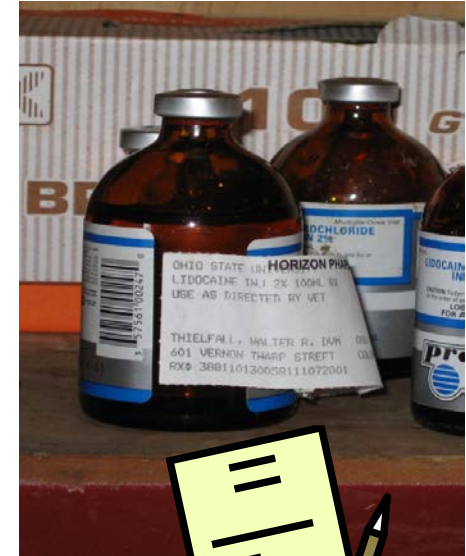
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Basic Classes of Drugs

2. Prescription Drugs (R_x)

- Drugs that require a veterinarian's written permission for use (prescription).
- Label of a R_x drug will state
 - "CAUTION"
 - "Federal law restricts use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian."



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Types of Drug Use

1. Label Use

- Using the drug **EXACTLY** as stated on the label.

2. Off Label

- Use of a drug in a manner other than what is stated on the label **AND without guidance from a veterinarian** under the extra-label policy.

- **ILLEGAL**

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Types of Drug Use

3. Extra-Label

- Using an animal drug in a manner not in accordance with the approved drug labeling, but with the guidance of a veterinarian



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Extra-Label

- **Examples of Extra-Label drug use:**
 - Increased dosage
 - Changing route of administration
 - Changing length of treatment
 - Treating a disease or condition not listed on the label
 - Treating a species not listed on the label
 - **NOTE: must obtain withdrawal time from vet!**

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Veterinary Feed Directive

- **Category for new antimicrobial drugs used in the feed to treat disease**
 - Must have a VFD to feed the product
 - Extra-label use NOT permitted



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