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87-04-01-01. Veterinary prescription drugs.

Veterinary prescription drugs are to be used or prescribed only within the context of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship. Veterinary prescription drugs are those drugs restricted by federal law to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

History: Effective January 1, 1999.

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87-04-01-02. Prescription drugs - Records - Labeling - Dispensing.

1. Adequate treatment records must be maintained by the veterinarian for at least three years, for all animals treated, to show that the drugs were supplied to clients with whom a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship has existed. Such records must include the information set forth in section 87-04-01-03.
2. All veterinary prescription drugs must be properly labeled when dispensed. A complete label must include the information set forth in section 87-04-01-03. If that information is included in a manufacturer's drug label, it is unnecessary to repeat it in the veterinarian's label. If there is inadequate space on the label for complete instructions, the veterinarian must provide additional information to accompany the drug dispensed or prescribed.
3. When veterinary prescription drugs are dispensed to companion animal owners, such drugs must be placed in child-resistant containers, unless otherwise requested by the client.
4. After a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship has been established, a veterinarian shall make available, upon request, and may assess a reasonable cost for, a prescription for a drug that has been determined by the veterinarian to be appropriate for the patient.
5. Nonpharmacologic and non-opioid treatment must be given consideration before dispensing an opioid or other controlled substance.

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87-04-01-03. Basic information of records, prescriptions, and labels.

1. Records of prescription drugs must contain the:

- a. Name, address, and telephone number of veterinarian.
 - b. Name, address, and telephone number of client.
 - c. Identification of animals or herds treated.
 - d. Date of treatment, prescribing, or dispensing of drug.
 - e. Name and quantity of the drug to be prescribed or dispensed.
 - f. Dosage and duration directions for use.
 - g. Number of refills authorized.
 - h. Cautionary statements, as needed.
2. Prescriptions must contain the:
- a. Name, address, and telephone number of veterinarian.
 - b. Name, address, and telephone number of client.
 - c. Identification of animals or herds treated.
 - d. Date of treatment, prescribing, or dispensing of drug.
 - e. Name and quantity of the drug to be prescribed or dispensed.
 - f. Dosage and duration directions for use.
 - g. Number of refills authorized.
 - h. Cautionary statements, as needed.
 - i. Signature or equivalent.
3. Prescription labels must contain the:
- a. Name, address, and telephone number of veterinarian.
 - b. Name of client.
 - c. Identification of animals or herds treated.
 - d. Date of treatment, prescribing, or dispensing of drug.
 - e. Name and quantity of the drug to be prescribed or dispensed.
 - f. Dosage and duration directions for use.
 - g. Cautionary statements, as needed.
 - h. Expiration date.

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87-04-01-04. Storage of prescription drugs.

1. Veterinary prescription drugs must be stored in designated areas within the practice which are sufficient to ensure proper sanitation, temperature, light, ventilation, moisture control, segregation, and security.
2. Controlled substances must be purchased, stored, and monitored in compliance with drug enforcement agency requirements.

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