

RESOLUTION #14—2021
Regular Annual Session

Submitted by
Board of Directors

POLICY ON USE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

RESOLVED, that the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates adopt the policy on Use of Prescription Drugs in Veterinary Medicine as noted in the [attachment](#), which will supersede the policies on [Guidelines for Veterinary Prescription Drugs](#), [Writing Veterinary Prescriptions](#), and [Clients' Requests for Prescriptions](#).

Statement about the Resolution

The Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents (COBTA) developed the attached policy on Use of Prescription Drugs in Veterinary Medicine to:

- Incorporate concepts and language from three interrelated policies on Guidelines for Veterinary Prescription Drugs, Writing Veterinary Prescriptions, and Client Requests for Prescriptions;
- Emphasize that decisions regarding prescription drug use should be made within the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR);
- Removes language pertaining to compounding that is addressed in the updated compounding policy;
- Better reflect language within the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA) does not limit extra label drug use (ELDU) to only circumstances where animal health is threatened or death may result, but includes situations where, within the context of a VCPR, treatment is necessary and an approved new animal drug is clinically ineffective for its intended use;
- Streamline language pertaining to ELDU, referencing requirements in 21 CFR Part 530
- Remove the lists of parameters for ELDU in nonfood animal and food animal patients and drugs prohibited for ELDU in food animals, because these may change frequently and, therefore, are better suited to inclusion in an AVMA resource than policy;
- Clarify that food animal clients and nonfood animal clients should both be advised regarding proper storage of prescription drugs; and
- Restructure for improved clarity.

Financial Impact: None

	Board of Directors	House Advisory Committee	Reference Committee #7	House of Delegates
Recommend Approval	X	X	X (as amended*)	
Recommend Disapproval				
Recommend Referral to...				...the BOD for further clarification by the Council on Biologic and Therapeutic Agents
No Recommendation				
Recommend Postpone Indefinitely				

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***Policy on Use of Prescription Drugs in Veterinary Medicine**
 Clarification should include the amendments from the House floor.