



THE TIME IS NOW

**DO YOUR
PART**

**PRESERVE ANTIMICROBIALS
FOR TOMORROW**



The responsible use of antimicrobials, including those used in companion animal medicine, is critical to maintaining our ability to treat illnesses in the future. As a veterinarian, you can do the profession's part by using antimicrobials responsibly in your practice and educating your clients on antimicrobial resistance.

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USING ANTIMICROBIALS RESPONSIBLY

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has been called the global health crisis of our time.

Effective antimicrobials are required for the health and safety of humans and animals, and AMR puts modern healthcare at risk, with challenges ranging from complications in treating common and simple conditions such as urinary tract infections, or resistance that threatens the treatment of complex conditions such as cancer care and surgery.

Concerns about antimicrobial use and AMR have led to development of the concept of 'antimicrobial stewardship'.



ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP – WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

Antimicrobial stewardship is a coordinated approach to optimizing the use of antimicrobials, maximizing patient care while minimizing the risk of resistance, toxicity or other adverse events.



▪ Weigh all treatment options



▪ Educate clients on disease prevention



▪ Choose antimicrobials wisely and only as needed



▪ Review current antimicrobial use guidelines



▪ Think about the effect your decision might have on public health



▪ Adopt an antimicrobial stewardship program (ASP) for your practice

An ASP is not meant to complicate patient care, remove access to needed antimicrobials or decrease practice efficiency. Rather, a well-structured and functioning ASP can improve patient care and facilitate timely and effective treatment.



SPREAD THE WORD

Talk to your clients about the responsible use of antimicrobials.

Preventing AMR is everyone's responsibility.

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For tools and resources you can use to help in the fight against AMR visit www.cvo.org/AMR

