PREPARING A PRESCRIPTION

These are the elements required if a client requests a written or verbal prescription for a companion animal:

- **CLIENT ID**: Name and address
- **VETERINARIAN ID**: Name, address and licence number issued by the College
- **DATE**: Date the prescription is issued (day, month, and year)
- **ANIMAL ID**: Identify of the animal or group of animals for which the drug is prescribed, including the approximate number of animals in the case of groups
- **WEIGHT**: Weight of the animal if the dispensing veterinarian is not the same as the prescribing veterinarian
- **DRUG**: Name, strength and quantity
- **DIRECTIONS**: Directions for use (dose, route of administration, frequency, and duration)
- **REFILLS**: Number of refills permitted

Review the Professional Practice Standard – Prescribing a Drug for a complete list of all practice expectations on this important topic.

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