

Pet Healthcare Scheme- Important changes to the supply of Flea and worming medication.

Dear Pet Healthcare Plan member,

Since Monday 15th January 2024, new regulations have been enforced by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS) and the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) which tighten controls over the supply of Prescription Only Medicines (POMs). This will have a significant effect on the way in which we prescribe flea and worm preventative products.

The new controls state that we are only allowed to supply medicines on a specific in-house prescription which may only be written at the time of a physical examination and consultation. These rules are being closely monitored and policed by the regulatory authorities. For the past 3 months we have been prescribing flea and worming products for all animals seen at annual booster visits and routine checkups in line with the new directive, but we have many hundreds more to see.

Please continue to order your regular flea and worming treatments in the normal way. That request will then be passed to the prescribing vet who will check your pet's clinical history. Some clients will need to bring their pet to the clinic for a routine check which will allow us to fulfill the prescribing criteria. This can also be done at a routine 6-month checkup or vaccination booster. For all animals on the Pet Healthcare Plan these routine checkup visits are free of charge. It would be helpful if you could make sure that we see your pets for their 6-monthly checkups and annual booster vaccinations when they are due, or a little before, so that we can apply the appropriate prescription. The prescription will then last for 12 months.

Your pets are very important to us and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience the new regulations may cause, but we trust it will be minor and short-lived. We will do everything necessary to simplify the process. Once all PHP animals have been checked, then we should be able to carry on with a normal routine. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kind regards,

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