
Overview

This standard covers the supply of veterinary medicines under the direction of a Registered Qualified Person (RQP) and is suitable for any member of veterinary practice or pet care retail staff.

A Registered Qualified Person is a veterinary surgeon, a pharmacist or a Suitably Qualified Person (SQP).

You will need to be aware of your own limitations and ensure that you meet the legal responsibilities for duty of care under relevant animal health and welfare legislation.

The Veterinary Medicines Regulations specify different categories of medicines and who is authorised to supply these:

POM-V (Prescription Only Medicine - Veterinarian)

POM-VPS (Prescription Only Medicine - Veterinarian, Pharmacist, SQP)

NFA-VPS (Non-Food Animal - Veterinarian, Pharmacist, SQP)

AVM-GSL (Authorised Veterinary Medicine - General Sales List).

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 confirm the client/customer's requirements for veterinary medicines with the RQP
- P2 ensure the RQP is provided with all relevant information to enable them to prescribe the appropriate medication to meet the needs of the animal's condition
- P3 provide the specified veterinary medicines to the client/customer under direction
- P4 comply with regulations and guidelines relating to the provision of veterinary medicines at all times
- P5 advise the client/customer on the safe and correct use and disposal of veterinary medicines under the direction of the RQP
- P6 keep records of supplies as required by relevant legislation and the organisation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the information that must be acquired from the client/customer to enable the RQP to prescribe appropriate medication
- K2 the legal categories for veterinary medicines
- K3 the legal requirements for the supply of veterinary medicines
- K4 the legal requirements and organisation procedures for maintaining records relating to veterinary medicines
- K5 the principles and key points of the relevant health and safety regulations and guidelines
- K6 products that can be used for different conditions and their correct use
- K7 correct storage and disposal procedures for veterinary medicines
- K8 the information that should be given to client/customer and the importance of checking their understanding

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Glossary

RQP - Registered Qualified Person - a veterinary surgeon, a pharmacist or an SQP.

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