

# LABEL

## Every drug needs a proper label!

Name and address of the dispensing veterinarian, and the prescribing veterinarian, if dispensing occurs outside a veterinarian-client-patient relationship.

Name of the owner of the animal(s).

Identity of the animal(s) for which it is dispensed.

Prescribed directions for use (dose, route of administration, frequency, and duration).

Any other information required by legislation.

The following information must be included on the container in which a drug is dispensed.

Date the drug is dispensed.

Name, strength, and quantity of the drug.

Drug Identification Number (DIN).

Minimal withholding time (where applicable).

Any storage precautions.

Any toxic warnings or other precautions.

“Veterinary Use Only”

If the information on the label doesn't fit, provide a separate sheet or a weblink.



### QUESTIONS?

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# TIP SHEET

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### A proper label:

Properly identifies the drug.

Communicates necessary information to veterinary team and client.

Provides the ability to trace back in case of adverse reaction.

Prevents medication errors and potential harm to patient(s).

Prevents administration and dispensing of expired drugs.

### 1 Keep drug labels on all drugs stored in the practice and all drugs sent home with clients:

- Drug bottles in inventory
- Secondary containers
- Containers dispensed to clients

### 2 Include the following information on the container in to which a drug is dispensed:

- Name, strength, and quantity of the drug
- Date the drug is dispensed
- Name and address of the dispensing veterinarian, and the prescribing veterinarian, if dispensing occurs outside a veterinarian-client-patient relationship
- Identity of the animal(s) for which it is dispensed
- Drug Identification Number (DIN)
- Name of the owner of the animal(s)
- Prescribed directions for use (dose, route of administration, frequency, and duration)
- Minimal withholding time (where applicable)
- Any storage precautions
- Any toxic warnings or other precautions
- Any other information required by legislation
- “Veterinary Use Only”

**If it is not feasible to include all the information on the label due to the size of the packaging, provide a separate sheet or a weblink.**

### 3 Don't forget secondary containers:

- Secondary containers for the storage of drugs must have labels containing the name, strength (where applicable), lot number and expiry date of the drug(s).
- For example: injectable drugs are moved into secondary containers for the purposes of combining drugs, such as a pre-anesthetic agent.

#### Further information:

1. Dispensing a Drug – Professional Practice Standard
2. Dispensing a Drug – A Guide to the Standard
3. Sample Form Drug Label Food Producing Animal
4. Sample Form Drug Label Companion Animal