

PREPARING A Prescription

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



The illustration shows a female client with dark skin and curly hair, wearing a blue t-shirt and grey pants, holding a Siamese cat. Next to her is a male veterinarian with dark skin, wearing a white lab coat over a green shirt and blue pants, holding a tablet. They are standing next to a large, tilted graphic of a prescription form. The form has a blue header with a white 'Rx' symbol. Below the header, the form is divided into eight sections, each with an icon and text:

- VETERINARIAN ID**: Name, address and licence number issued by the College (Icon: Caduceus)
- DATE**: Date the prescription is issued (day, month and year) (Icon: Calendar)
- CLIENT ID**: Name and address (Icon: Person silhouette)
- ANIMAL ID**: Identity of the animal or group of animals for which the drug is prescribed, including the approximate number of animals in the case of groups (Icon: Dog and cat silhouettes)
- WEIGHT**: Weight of the animal if the dispensing veterinarian is not the same as the prescribing veterinarian (Icon: Scales)
- DRUG**: Name, strength and quantity (Icon: Pill bottle)
- DIRECTIONS**: Directions for use (dose, route of administration, frequency, and duration) (Icon: Document with Rx symbol)
- REFILLS**: Number of refills permitted (Icon: Circular arrows)

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

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