



Our Vet Practice Medicine Prescribing Policy

Our veterinary surgeons exercise their clinical judgement taking into account their understanding of your pet and their health, veterinary medicines and the regulations to determine what medications are appropriate for your pet and how long that medication course is prescribed for.

Generally, the vet will prescribe a short course of medication after which they will re-examine your pet to check the effect. If your pet has a long-term condition, it is often possible to extend the time between examinations, once your pet's condition is stable. Extended intervals may also apply for anti-parasitic treatments for a healthy pet.

When one of our vets prescribes medication, they will record:

- The medication they are prescribing including the dose and any specific instructions e.g. whether a medication should be given with food.
- How much medication may be dispensed at a time and how many repeat supplies may be made.
- When a re-examination is next due.

When your pet is prescribed long term medication, we will need to examine your pet **at least** every 3-6 months at the practice. This is to re-evaluate your pet, any changes to their health and to allow further prescribing of medication appropriate for their current condition.

In some cases, we may extend this interval to **up to** 12 months, usually for:

- Anti-parasiticide medications (such as flea and worming products)
- Cases where remote assessments may be preferable either due to your pet's or your own specific circumstances.

Our practice can supply you with the medications prescribed, or you may wish to source your medications from an online retailer, such as VetUK, a member of the vetPartners group. If you are sourcing medications from anywhere other than our practice, you will require a written prescription. Our vets can provide

these at your request. The same prescribing policy applies whether you purchase your medications from our practice directly or an online retailer.

Please be aware fees apply for written prescriptions. These fees are per item. Further information on our current written prescription charges can be found on our website, in our reception areas or by speaking with a member of our team.

The decision of which medication to prescribe and the length of the prescription is the responsibility of the prescribing veterinary surgeon who must comply with their professional responsibilities and the legal requirements. This policy outlines the maximum timeframes for medication reviews. Your vet will discuss with you the medication, duration of prescription and frequency of reviews your pet requires based on their individual needs to ensure we provide appropriate care for them.

At our practice, we aim to have your medication or written prescription ready to collect in 2 working days from your request.

This policy is regularly reviewed by the veterinary team. If you would like a printed copy of this policy, please let our team know and we will be happy to provide you with one.

