

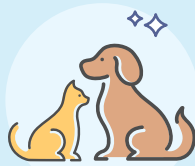
PROTECT YOUR PETS: SIMPLE STEPS TO HELP MINIMIZE ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE



Preventing and controlling infections are key steps in reducing the need to routinely use antimicrobials which results in minimizing the risk of antimicrobial resistance. Encourage responsible and careful use of antimicrobials by:

Practicing good hygiene

While some infections and illnesses cannot be avoided, reducing the risk of infection can help. Remember to always:



wash your hands after interacting with other animals



if your pet is sick, avoid interactions between your pet and other pets on walks, at public parks, or in your own home



clean litterboxes and animal enclosures, and regularly pick up after your pet



limit exposure to wild animals

Vaccinating when possible

Vaccinating for preventable diseases reduces the chance of illness. Consult your veterinarian to ensure your pets' vaccines are up to date.



Fostering a relationship with your veterinarian

Consult your veterinarian for any questions on prescribed treatments and antimicrobial resistance. Only your veterinarian knows when it is effective and safe to use antimicrobials.



Using antimicrobials only as prescribed

Do your part by only administering antimicrobials when and how your veterinarian prescribes them, even if your animals are feeling better.



Monitoring the health of your animal

Discuss preventative health care with your veterinarian and consult them at the first sign of infection, illness or behavioural changes.



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