



Why Flea, Tick, Heartworm & Intestinal Parasite Preventatives Are *Prescription-Only*

1 What Makes These Medications a Prescription?

- A current Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)—seen within the last 12 months—is legally required.
 - Your veterinarian is legally and ethically responsible for ensuring that the product is safe and effective based on your individual pet's medical history, age, weight, species, and lifestyle.
 - These medications contain regulated ingredients that must be used under a veterinarian's supervision, just like human medicine.
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2 One Prescription = One Pet

- Each product is custom-prescribed to your pet, not just by weight, but also by breed sensitivity, medication history, and existing health conditions.
 - Our DVMs cannot legally prescribe "extra" doses for another pet in the home, even if they are similar in size or species.
 - Giving a prescription to another pet is considered off-label use and can lead to:
 - Overdose (toxic effects, organ damage, seizures)
 - Underdose (ineffective protection, risk of infection)
 - In rare cases, severe allergic reactions and death. Particularly in sensitive breeds or cats exposed to dog-only medications,
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3 Why Don't We Recommend Sharing Doses?

 Not covered under the manufacturer's guarantee if:

- The medication is used on a pet it wasn't prescribed for, or
- You do not have a current veterinary relationship for that pet.

 If a shared dose fails or causes harm:

- This means if your pet gets sick (heartworm, Lyme, etc.), the manufacturer will not cover treatment or diagnostics
 - No product support or replacement is available
 - You may incur additional emergency veterinary bills
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4 Protect All Pets Safely

- Keep each pet up to date with exams
- Use the exact medication prescribed for that specific pet
- Never divide doses or apply a product without DVM approval
- If you are concerned about the cost of keeping your pets protected, reach out to us. We are here to discuss options.