

## WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY FOR PRESCRIPTION TO BE FILLED BY INTERNET PHARMACIES OR CATALOG VENDORS

Client's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby request a prescription for medication(s) for my pet so that I can purchase the product(s) from an internet pharmacy or catalog vendor. I have been informed that the following risks exist when I obtain these products from such sources:

- There is the possibility that the prescription drugs received from these vendors may be counterfeit and may not have been approved by the **FDA**; and the pesticides may not have been approved by the RPA. This has occurred in the past and could recur.
- As the provider of your pet's care, our medical records keep track of all drugs dispensed by us to you. When you purchase your prescriptions elsewhere, our computer tracking system is not activated to print instructions for use or risks of adverse effects or to send email reminders for follow-up exams and/or lab tests that may be needed to monitor results or adverse reactions.
- You may not have the prescription drug(s) available soon enough to start your pet's medications at the optimal time to provide relief for his/her condition.
- When prescription products are purchased elsewhere, our staff members are unavailable to teach you how to administer them.
- The number of tablets or capsules, milligram size of the unit, volume and/or concentration of liquid, and number of authorized refills may differ from that prescribed by the attending doctor.
- Manufacturer **REBATES** that would ordinarily be available for products purchased from this facility generally will not be available.
- The manufacturer's **WARRANTIES** or **GUARANTEES** for these products may not be valid. This means if your pet's condition is not effectively treated with the product(s), manufacturers may not stand behind their products or product liability procedures. Additionally, the owners of and doctors at this facility will be unable to assist you in claims against those manufacturers.
  - These manufacturers include:
    - Elanco (Trifexis/Interceptor)
    - Merial (Heartgard)
    - Zoetis (Revolution)
    - Bayer (Advantage Multi)
    - Virbac (Sentinel)

**DO YOUR HOMEWORK  
BE ONLINE PET PHARMACY  
A.W.A.R.E.**



Internet sites that sell pet drugs can be reputable pharmacies. Some, however, are not. They are fronts for businesses breaking Federal, State, or International laws. These illegal pet pharmacies may sell counterfeit, outdated, mislabeled, incorrectly-made, or improperly stored drugs. They also may not refund you if you have problems with your order.

If your pet needs a prescription drug, talk with your veterinarian before you purchase online. Your veterinarian wants what's best for you and your pet. If you find a cheaper drug online, ask your veterinarian to consider matching the price.

If you still want to purchase your pet's prescription drugs online, remember you can protect yourself and your pet--do your homework and be online pet pharmacy **A.W.A.R.E.**

Report suspicious online pet pharmacy sites to the FDA and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) at:

FDA: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/ReportaProblem/ucm059315.htm>

NABP: <http://www.nabp.net/>.

The best defense you have against illegal online pet pharmacies is education. Do your homework and be online pet pharmacy **A.W.A.R.E.** before you purchase your pet's medicines online.

**AN INFORMED CONSUMER IS AN EMPOWERED CONSUMER.**

**For more information about purchasing pet drugs from online pet pharmacies,** visit CVM's website at: <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary>, call CVM at 1-240-402-7002, or write CVM at AskCVM@fda.hhs.gov.



- A** Ask your veterinarian
- W** Watch for red flags
- A** Always check for site accreditation
- R** Report problems and suspicious pharmacies
- E** Educate yourself about online pet pharmacies

I have read and understand the above and the provided handout from the FDA. I accept the risks, and am aware that this facility cannot accept any financial responsibility for paying for or reimbursing me for any treatments required as a result of the use of products purchased from these sources. In the absence of negligence, I agree to hold this veterinary practice harmless for any deleterious effects or lack of effectiveness of drugs or purchased from any other source.

I understand Three Rivers Animal Hospital recommends purchasing heartworm prevention from a licensed veterinarian in the best interest of your pet. I understand failure to use heartworm prevention every 30 days **YEAR ROUND** may lead to **FATAL HEARTWORM DISEASE**. Three Rivers Animal Hospital requires yearly heartworm testing in order to prescribe and/or fill heartworm prevention.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Date

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