

Keep your Pets Safe and Healthy!

Internet Pharmacy Safety

How to know if your Internet Pharmacy is safe

- They should hold a state pharmacy license
- It should include .pharmacy at the end of its name (.pharmacy-certified) and/or legitscript.com approved
- They should always require a prescription for prescription medications
- They are located in the US and uphold US pharmacy laws and practice standards

You should be able to find similar wording as this on their website:

LICENSED AND CERTIFIED: This pharmacy is licensed and meets or exceeds the regulatory requirements in all 50 states. Our website is .pharmacy-certified by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP), and we are inspected regularly by the *STATE* Board of Pharmacy.

Did you know?

- Amazon has over 5 million sellers! Sellers can make their name look like an authentic company, but pharmaceutical companies do not sell their medications directly on Amazon or to consumers. Always scroll down to the legal disclaimer and read the warnings, often you will find the actual sellers information here.
- Fraudulent Internet Pharmacies and sellers harm pets by selling expired, counterfeit, and ineffective medications. Counterfeits are becoming harder to spot as they look almost like the real medication or product.
- When you purchase your pets medications from a Licensed Veterinarian some products, such as flea, tick, and Heartworm medications are guaranteed by the manufacturer. These same guarantees are voided if they are purchased from unlicensed sources.

Who to ask

- **Us! Before you buy from a source you are unfamiliar with, ask your Licensed Veterinarian. They can direct you to reputable companies. While we appreciate your support of our small business, we also support your right to choose where you get your medications. If we can help facilitate that in a legal manner, we will do our best.**
- **Before you ask for advice on illness, treatments, or medications on the internet or social media, ask us! We are here for you. Our educated, licensed Veterinarians and team members are here to help with trusted information. We can provide the best recommendations for medications based on your individual pet's needs.**

Red Flags

- Prices that are substantially lower than that of your Veterinarian or other online pharmacies
- A prescription medication that they do not require a prescription from your Veterinarian
- Medications that are labelled with foreign languages or are shipped from other countries
- Online Pharmacy that is not licensed and does not have a licensed pharmacist on staff

Safety and Efficacy should be priority over the lowest price. There is value in knowing your pets are administered safe and authentic medications. While some fees may be higher at your local Vets office, they will often have coupons and rebates (directly from the manufacturer) that they can offer to offset the cost. When you purchase from your Veterinarian, you are supporting a business that employs local residents, pays local taxes, supports their community, and is there for you should you need them.

Websites to Verify Pharmacies

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