Pet Health Guide

Care for pets like you care for your patients using these helpful tools, tips and resources.
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Most pharmacies claim to care for every member of your family, but, in reality, few of them truly do. That’s because most families are made up of more than just parents and children. In fact, 67 percent of households in the U.S. are home to at least one pet. These are animals that, in many cases, eat premium, organic food, have their own wardrobe and are tended to by full-time servants who clean up every single mess they make. There’s no questioning that these critters are beloved members of their family. So if you aren’t offering pet medications in your pharmacy, you’re missing a major opportunity with more than two thirds of your customers.

With the Good Neighbor Pharmacy Pet Health solution, you can officially add four-legged patients to your repertoire. Our team can help you embrace the growing animal health market through a collaborative partnership that delivers the products, knowledge and support you need to open up this new line of business. We make it easy to stock the most common prescriptions in your pharmacy and complement them with a planogram dedicated exclusively to over-the-counter pet products. We’ll also provide you with clear guidance and a collection of multi-channel marketing materials to show all your patients that you’re fully prepared to care for their furry family members—further establishing your pharmacy as a one-of-a-kind healthcare destination.

Capitalize on animal health as a profitable revenue stream
Deepen your relationship with patients through their pets
Add a layer of convenience to the lives of your pet-owner patients
Cultivate a more unique in-store experience and digital presence
Order pet medications seamlessly through ABC Order
67% of U.S. households own a pet

63.4 million households have a dog

47.2 million households have a cat

45% of Americans buy their pet a birthday gift every year

73% of Americans allow their pets join them on the couch

95% of pet owners consider their pet to be part of their family

$95.7 billion pet health industry

$19.2 billion in OTC pet products

Sources: 2019-2020 APPA National Pet Owners Survey; Pets Study: Why Americans love their pets
Enrolling in the program

As a Good Neighbor Pharmacy Premier member, the first step to incorporating pet health into your pharmacy is gaining access to our pet prescription medication formulary. To do so, you must sign a contract with MWI. Let’s get the ball rolling!

1. **Fill out this form** on WeAreGNP.com/pets to start the enrollment process, which is exclusive to Premier members.

2. Keep an eye out for an email from goodneighborpharmacy@amerisourcebergen.com. We’ll be sending your contract through Adobe Echo Sign to the authorized signer email address you provided during step one.

3. Sign the contract electronically.

4. Start browsing pet products in ABC Order on the 6th day after submitting your signed contract. We’ll load your contract and pricing immediately upon submission and it takes six days to process before access can be granted.

Now let’s talk about ordering >
Ordering inventory

All the pet medications in our formulary are integrated into the AmerisourceBergen ordering platform, so there won’t be any disruption to your workflow. You can purchase human and animal pharmaceuticals on ABC Order from the same place at the same time for a smooth shopping experience.

Once you place a pet medication order, that product will arrive at your pharmacy within 1 to 2 business days, dependent upon order cut-offs and timing of order placement. Shipping is free for all orders over $100. An $8 shipping fee will be applied to orders below the minimum amount.

There are 175 different items in our pet medication formulary, covering a wide variety of categories, including:

- Allergy relief
- Antibiotics
- Antifungal
- Anti-inflammatory
- Anxiety
- Arthritis
- Digestive support
- Disease support
- Diuretics
- Ear & eye
- Hormonal endocrine
- Hyperthyroidism
- Incontinence
- Nausea & motion sickness
- Pain relief
- Pest & parasitic preventatives
- Seizure & epilepsy

With so many brand and generic pharmaceuticals to choose from, we understand that getting started can be overwhelming, so here’s a list of the top products we recommend for your first order.

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Flea, heartworm and tick prevention and control medications are also high-volume products that we recommend stocking up on first, but the need for them depends on the community you serve. Here we’ve broken down which categories you should purchase based on geographic occurrence rates. See which categories are most relevant to your region in the table on the right and then select the corresponding products from the table below.

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*Click here* for a complete regional breakdown by state.

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Managing your pet health offerings

Once your first shipment arrives at your pharmacy, you’ll need to make sure you have a process in place to differentiate between human patients and animal patients in your system. All states require you to identify non-human species, so accurate and consistent PMP reporting is a must. Plus, getting your team on the same page in regard to coding will eliminate confusion later on as you take on more pet patients.

Here’s a simple way to process those furry newcomers:

1. Put the pet owner’s last name as the last name in the patient record.
2. Add “DOG, “CAT” or “VET” after the pet owner’s last name.
3. Put the pet’s name as the first name. It should look like this: SMITH “DOG”, ROVER
4. Set the pet owner as the Head of Household. Check with your pharmacy system provider for instructions on how to complete this step if needed.

As soon as you input a pet into your system, you can start treating them just like any other member of the family. That includes med syncing them with the rest of their loved ones so all their prescriptions can be picked up in one simple stop.

**OTC Pet Products**
Dispensing canine and feline medications will surely help you tap into a valuable market, but that’s only scratching the surface. As your pharmacy becomes known as a one-stop shop for pet wellness, you’ll have more and more chances to make companion sales of over-the-counter pet products. Our pet care planogram is the perfect way to capitalize on this opportunity. It includes:

- Ear & eye wipes
- Grooming items
- Pill treats
- Shampoo
- Stain & odor spray
- Toys
- Training pads
- Vitamins

Contact your retail merchandising specialist or business coach for more information.
Promoting in store

Once you’re ready to fill pet prescriptions and combine them with companion OTC items, it’s time to let your community know that your pharmacy is an animal-friendly establishment. One of the easiest ways to do that is by authentically incorporating dogs and cats into your store’s décor with thoughtful signage and eye-catching collateral.

Obviously, you’ll want to draw attention to where your OTC pet products are available, but don’t be afraid to go bigger than that. Try to cultivate a more unique in-store experience by leaning into your pet health offering. You could place clean water bowls at your store’s entrance during warm-weather months; keep a jar of treats on hand so you can give out snacks to animals riding along through your drive thru; or include a dog treat recipe with your customers’ purchases upon checkout. When it comes to making pet parents feel more welcome in your pharmacy, the options are limitless!

To get you started, we’ve added an assortment of printed pet health marketing materials to Brand Central Station. Here are some of the items you’ll find there:

- Poster
- Bag stuffer
- Counter card
- Window cling
- Dog treat recipe bag insert
- New pet checklist
- Shelf talkers
- Counter cling
- Business card

Get these items now >
Communicating digitally

Outfitting your store with proper pet health signage will help you raise awareness of your new offering to existing patients when they visit your pharmacy, but you’ll want to spread the word much farther than that. By using social media to expand the reach of your message, you’ll be able to connect with current customers and new ones alike and let them know you’re there to care for their pets. If you’re creative and consistent, your efforts will pay off over time.

Specializing in pet health adds another chapter to your pharmacy’s story and gives you more to share with your community, so make sure you take advantage of it. Include photos of cute pets on your social media channels and ask customers to post pictures of their own pets. You could even host a contest or drawing on social media with a pet-related item as the prize.

If you need help launching your campaign, we’ve added graphics, an animated GIF and Facebook cover photos to our social media management platform. There you can customize posts, schedule them for different social media accounts and track them in real time—all without ever having to click off the site. These digital assets are also available on Brand Central Station. Contact your advertising manager for more information.

Access the digital assets >
Boning up on pet health

Chances are you’re more familiar with pharmaceuticals as they relate to humans than they do animals, but there are plenty of educational resources out there to help you bridge that knowledge gap. Here are some of the resources we recommend from outside vendors and foundations.

**Power-Pak C.E.®**
Their Pharmacist Certificate Program in Veterinary Pharmacy is a comprehensive, 22-hour veterinary pharmacy certificate program created by a recognized expert on veterinary pharmacotherapy.

**The Society of Veterinary Hospital Pharmacists (SVHP)**
For SVHP members, 16-20 hours of live continuing education is available annually in the field of veterinary pharmacy practice.

**The American College of Veterinary Pharmacists (ACVP)**
The ACVP offers *Veterinary Compounding Essentials*, a 15-hour, practice-based course that provides fundamental techniques to grow a veterinary compounding practice, including calculations, proper safety practices, hands-on compounding and marketing.

DailyMed is the official provider of FDA label information. Go here for the latest, most comprehensive look-up resource of medication content and labeling found in medication package inserts.

These courses are not required and will not guarantee success with the Pet Health solution.
Looking for a fun way to fetch loyal customers and get them to stay?

Take advantage of our Pet Health solution and start caring for every member of the family, including the ones with four legs!

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