## Why You Should Buy From Your Vet

#### KNOWLEDGE

Every pet's needs are different, whether you are looking for flea/tick, heartworm preventive products, or discussing the best NSAID, your veterinarian's knowledge of your pet, their lifestyle, medical history, and other important factors allow them to recommend what product(s) would be best for your loved one.

#### GUARANTEE

Many consumers don't realize many of the products and medications purchased from your veterinarian are backed by guarantees from the manufacturer. Should your pet ever have a problem, reaction or if the preventive products should fail, many resources are available from your veterinarian to keep you covered, medically and financially. These guarantees are ONLY offered when you purchase from your veterinarian.

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#### REBATES

The flea/tick and heartworm preventive products purchased from your veterinarian are offered with money saving rebates. When these rebates are figured into the cost of these products, you often are getting a better deal buying direct from your veterinarian!



#### DID YOU KNOW?

Most veterinary drug manufacturers only sell their products to licensed veterinarians. Online pharmacies often obtain heartworm and flea/tick preventives unethically or even illegally.

# DANGER THE POTENTIAL S OF BUYING DINLINE

The FDA urges caution to pet owners when purchasing pet medications and preventive products online.

- Counterfeit Products
  - Online sources have been discovered selling fake product packaged to look like name brand joint supplements, flea/tick, and heartworm preventive products
- **Expired Medications**
- Improperly Stored and Shipped medications

### The FDA says: Be A.W.A.R.E of online pet pharmacies:

- A: Ask your veterinarian what sites they trust
- W: Watch for red flags
- A: Always check for site accreditation
- R: Report problems and suspicious pharmacies to the FDA
- Educate yourself about online pet pharmacies

August 2017 saw the establishment of strict standards to protect pet owners from fraud. Online pharmacies are awarded with web addresses ending in *.pharmacy* after being qualified by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). This designation helps consumers identify trustworthy online pharmacies.