

# Why shouldn't I purchase medications & vaccines from catalogs & over the internet?

A pharmaceutical purchase from your veterinarian is an investment in a business that will provide long-term health care for your pet. No internet pharmacy cares as much for your pet as your veterinarian.

The FDA cautions pet owners about the dangers of purchasing drugs through these companies. Many drugs can be dangerous if not properly prescribed and monitored by your veterinarian. Internet "pharmacies" advertise low prices and convenience but the industry is poorly regulated and *products purchased through the internet are not guaranteed by the pharmacy or the manufacturer*. Internet customers have reported receiving *expired medications and foreign pharmaceuticals not approved for use in the United States*. Many pharmaceutical companies only guarantee their product if they are purchased through a licenced veterinarian. Most online medications are within *3% to 5%* of the cost charged by most veterinarians. Ultimately, the small savings are not worth the risk.