



## Your animal/s received antibiotics today – this means your vet:

- Found evidence of a bacterial infection that may not improve without antibiotics.
- Investigated and treated any underlying non-bacterial diseases.
- Considered other treatment options.
- Took a sample to identify the bacteria and the effective antibiotics.
- Selected the appropriate drug, dose and duration to treat the infection.
- Referred to Australian antibiotic prescribing guidelines.

### It is important that you:

- Give the antibiotics as prescribed on the label even if symptoms improve.
- Monitor your animal/s closely and contact your vet if they do not improve or have side effects.
- Schedule vet revisits if requested.
- Understand that further tests and treatments may be required if the condition does not improve.

Play your part in preventing antibiotic resistant infections.

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## Why didn't your animal/s receive antibiotics today?

- Your vet has assessed your animal/s and decided antibiotics are not necessary right now.
- Many conditions, like viral infections, will get better without antibiotics.
- Further tests may be required to decide which antibiotic to use, if any.

### It is important that you:

- Give any medications as prescribed and follow your vet's advice.
- Monitor your animal/s closely and contact your vet if they do not improve.

### Why animals should only receive antibiotics when absolutely necessary:

- Antibiotic use can cause 'resistance', where the bacteria adapt so the antibiotic no longer works.
- Antibiotic resistant infections will increase if antibiotics are used unnecessarily in animals.
- You can catch antibiotic resistant bacteria from your animal/s, meaning antibiotics may not work next time you get sick.
- Some antibiotics can cause negative side effects or allergic reactions.

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