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Veterinary Compounding

Here at Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy (SMCP) we are able to do many wonderful things in the area of veterinary compounding. Over the years the pharmacy has filled a multitude of prescriptions for an interesting variety of animals. To highlight just a few, we have filled prescriptions for dogs, cats, ducks, horses, ferrets, rats, snakes, and birds. Working closely with veterinarians we have helped develop ways to administer medication to the most difficult animals with the most difficult disease states.

Q: What are some examples of prescriptions that you fill for animals?

A: Here at SMCP we fill veterinarian prescriptions for antibiotics, over active thyroid, over active bladder/urinary incontinence, anti-inflammatory agents for arthritis, and pain medications. These are the most common prescriptions that we fill, but we can compound almost anything for the needs of your animal.

Q: My animal can not or will not swallow his/her pills. Is there anything I can do?

A: Getting any animal to swallow pills or capsules can be a daunting task. Fortu-

nately there are some great alternatives! Many animals like oily substances, so one of the things that we do is put the medication into an oily, liquid base. You then only need to administer a small amount of liquid, using an oral syringe, to the animal. This is a much easier proposal than having your cat swallow a capsule. Another new way of delivering medication to cats is through their ears. The inside of a cat's ear is extremely vascular meaning there is a lot of blood flow to this area of their bodies. Taking advantage of this anatomic property we as compounding pharmacists have developed ways to deliver medication through the cat's ear. The medication is compounded into a gel that is then rubbed in small amounts to the inside of the cat's ear. It is easy to do and has made many animal owners happy. These are just few examples of the many things that we at SMCP can do for your animal. The most important thing to realize is that we can use a multitude of techniques to assure that you animal get his/her medications.

Q: How do you make the medication taste good to the animal?

A: Many medications do not taste good once they are put into liquid form and therefore we use a variety of flavorings to improve the taste. The flavor is chosen based on the animal that we are treating. For example dogs generally like bacon, beef, liver, chicken, turkey or cheese. Cats prefer fish, liver, tuna, or salmon. We have over 25 different flavors and can tailor the taste of any prescription to the preferences of your animal.

Q: Can you share a success story from filling prescriptions for animals?

A: A few years ago, a veterinarian called the pharmacy for help regarding a duck with a bacterial infection that they had been treating with little success. The duck was refusing to take any of his antibiotics and was therefore not getting better. After speaking with the veterinarian, The pharmacist figured out that the duck only like corn. He went to the store and purchased a can of corn, separated the

kernels from the liquid and then used the liquid as the base for the ducks antibiotic prescription. The owner of the duck brought the duck into the pharmacy and the pharmacist successfully gave the animal his first dose of antibiotic. After that the duck continued to take his antibiotics and he got better! Being problem solvers is the best and most rewarding part of our job. If you have any difficult to treat animals we are always up for the challenge.

Q: What are the most common types of human medications that your pharmacy compounds?

A: At SMCP we specialize in compounding human prescriptions for bioidentical hormone replacement therapy and pain management. If you have any questions regarding our human compounds please contact the pharmacist, Kenny Walkup, or refer to the other newsletters and information on our website (www.specialty-medicine.com).

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