"Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened."

Anatole France, French Poet



We know you love your pets.

That's why we want to make sure you are informed about an emerging issue that can pose a health risk to your pet – antimicrobial resistance (AMR). AMR leads to drug resistant infections, which are harder and more expensive to treat.

Here are 5 things veterinarians are doing to help reduce AMR

- 1 We won't dispense antibiotics to you without examining your pet.
- 2 We may need to run more tests before treating with antibiotics.
- (3) Where they exist, we will recommend effective alternatives to antibiotics.
- 4 We may dispense a shorter course or a different antibiotic than before.
- **5** We may recommend a follow up visit to ensure your pet's infection has resolved.

What can you do about AMR?

Overuse of antibiotics is a key driver of AMR. Vets and doctors are all trying to reduce how much they use antibiotics. You can help too, by staying informed and using antibiotics only as directed.

Maintaining your pet's general health and wellbeing is the best defence against bacterial disease. Less bacterial disease = less need for antibiotics. That's good news for everyone.

