Overview

This standard is about prescribing and supplying the correct veterinary medicines to meet requirements.

You will be able to calculate the correct dosage and dispense the medication with instruction and advice to the client/customer.

This standard is suitable for a Suitably Qualified Person (SQP). Different categories of SQP registration are available and affect the types of animals for which medication can be supplied. The modules available are:

FAM - Farm Animal Module
EQM - Equine Module
CAM - Companion Animal Module
AVM - Avian Module

An SQP may hold any combination of these.

An SQP can prescribe and/or supply specific categories of product within the scope of their registration, which fall within the following classifications:

POM-VPS (Prescription Only Medicine - Veterinarian, Pharmacist, SQP)
NFA-VPS (Non-Food Animal - Veterinarian, Pharmacist, SQP)
AVM-GSL (Authorised Veterinary Medicine - General Sales List)

You will need to be aware of your own limitations and ensure that you meet the legal responsibilities for duty of care under animal health and welfare legislation.
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Performance criteria
You must be able to:

P1 maintain your own professional conduct and ethics and work within the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience

P2 acquire sufficient information from the client/customer to allow the appropriate choice of medication to be made

P3 select appropriate products to meet the required needs

P4 supply medicine according to a written prescription from another RQP

P5 calculate and dispense the required quantity of medication, giving advice on dosage and frequency of administration

P6 provide appropriate labelling according to legislation and organisation procedure

P7 comply with current regulations and legislation relating to the provision of medication

P8 advise the client/customer on the safe and correct route of administration, safe handling, storage and disposal of medication

P9 store and dispose of veterinary medicines correctly

P10 complete and store records of the supply of medication according to legislation and organisation procedure

P11 assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work

P12 refer client/customer to a veterinary surgeon where appropriate

P13 plan, record, evaluate and reflect upon your Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

K1 your professional and ethical responsibilities as an SQP and the limits of your own authority, expertise, training, competence and experience

K2 the information required to enable the appropriate choice of medication to be made

K3 how to calculate dosages, quantities and frequency of administration accurately

K4 how to interpret and verify a written prescription

K5 the importance of clarifying the prescribed dosage, and the implications of not doing so, when supplying the medication

K6 different presentations of veterinary medication to include the usage of proprietary and generic names

K7 the legal categories for medicines and who can dispense them

K8 requirements for the labelling of medication

K9 abbreviations used in relation to pharmacy dispensing

K10 legal requirements and organisation procedures for maintaining records

K11 correct provision and supply of a prescription for use by another RQP

K12 correct pharmacy management relating to access by authorised personnel, stock control, storage and disposal procedures

K13 the application of health and safety regulations

K14 the information that should be given to client/customer and the importance of checking their understanding

K15 the identification of contraindications, drug reactions, over dosage and how to report suspected adverse reactions

K16 when to refer the client/customer to a veterinary surgeon

K17 the importance of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) to maintain professional competence
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Glossary

**RQP** - Registered Qualified Person - a veterinary surgeon, a pharmacist or an SQP.
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