



# UNLEASHED

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## Next Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, June 11, 2014

**Time:** 6:00

**Location:** Home of Jan Eichenser

## 2014 Meeting Dates

### \*Tentative

June 11 Puppy Match

\*July 2

\*September 3

\*October 1

\*November 5

\*December Christmas Party

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## Prez Notes

I do my best thinking hosing down runs, or perhaps me thinks too much. So, when our editor gives me a stern look about **Prez Notes**, I give the kennel a good scrubbing.

I believe a lot of things. I believe there are words to live by. Do what you say you will do, appreciate little things, be kind to your mother. I also believe there are other words to live by, more amusing but probably equally true. Like "it's easier to get forgiveness than permission" or "if you don't have anything nice to say about anyone, pull up a chair."

And so that must mean that there are things to believe and words to live by in the sport of dogs. Here are some of mine. I believe if we were more careful where our puppies went in the first place, Labrador rescue wouldn't be as big an issue. I believe you should pick your friends carefully in the sport of dogs, for there are good and bad, and their actions will reflect on you. I believe you pay your handler in full and on time, or the rest of us will talk about you. I believe codes of ethics are a bad idea, because it divides already fragile clubs into battling sector. I believe you can't legislate common sense.

As for word to live by in dogs, there are so many possibilities, I had to go out and clean the runs again. But probably the best are the ones thought up long ago for a profession that has always wrestled with ethics and emotion, as we do in dogs. They are "first, do no harm."

What do you believe?

Fondly,

Sally

## **Down 'n Back**

### **Captain Nick's Tiller Towards Trouble**

Western Pennsylvania Kennel Club

4/5/14

WB, BOW, BOB

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

### **Captain Nick's Tiller Towards Trouble**

Western Pennsylvania Kennel Club

4/6/14

RWB

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

### **Captain Nick's SunDel Sloop**

Medina Swarm Agility Club

CPE Agility C-ATCH 2 Title

4/19/14

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

### **Captain Nick's Winch Grinder**

Medina Swarm Agility Club

CPE Agility CL3-H Title

4/19/14

Owners: Paul & Christine Nickerson

## **Litter Listings**

### **CH Wit's End E-Z Pass to Borador x**

#### **CH Shannon's Peppermint Patty**

Black puppies whelped: 4/10/14

contact: Jennifer Stotts

shannonlabradors@yahoo.com

or 740828-2657

### **BISS CH Shalimar's The Animator x Hunt Club Clayview Tremont's Vanilla Sky**

Blacks and Yellows due 5/22/14

Contact: Lori Bentine @ 614/579-3990 or

Labwriter@aol.com

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## **Puppy Match**

**June 11 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Judge Christian DiSabato**

**At the home of Jan Eichenser**

**Potluck Dinner**

**COLRC Meeting**

# Purchasing Pet Drugs Online: Buyer Beware



**“D**iscount pet drugs—no prescription required” may appeal to pet owners surfing the Web, but FDA experts say it can be risky to buy drugs online from sites that tout this message and others like it.

Some of the Internet sites that sell pet drugs represent legitimate, reputable pharmacies, says Martine Hartogensis, D.V.M., deputy director of the Office of Surveillance and Compliance in FDA’s Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM). But others are fronts for unscrupulous businesses operating against the law.

FDA has found companies that sell unapproved pet drugs and counterfeit pet products, make fraudulent claims, dispense prescription drugs without requiring a prescription, and sell expired drugs.

Pet owners who purchase drugs from these companies may think they are saving money, says Hartogensis, but in reality, they may be short-changing their pet’s health and putting its life at risk.

CVM regulates the manufacture and distribution of animal drugs, while individual state pharmacy boards regulate the dispensing of prescription veterinary products.

#### Red Flags

Some foreign Internet pharmacies advertise that veterinary prescription

#### When ordering online

1. *Order from a Web site that belongs to a Vet-VIPPS accredited pharmacy.*
2. *Mail the prescription provided by your veterinarian to the pharmacy after your pet receives a physical examination.*
3. *Order from an outsourced prescription management service that your veterinarian uses.*

Photo Illustration: FDA/Michael Smith

## *A veterinarian should physically examine an animal prior to making a diagnosis to determine the appropriate therapy.*

drugs are available to U.S. citizens without a prescription. But, says Hartogensis, "There is a risk of the drugs not being FDA-approved."

A foreign or domestic pharmacy may claim that one of its veterinarians on staff will "evaluate" the pet after looking over a form filled out by the pet owner, and then prescribe the drug. "A veterinarian should physically examine an animal prior to making a diagnosis to determine the appropriate therapy," says Hartogensis.

CVM is especially concerned that pet owners are going online to buy two types of commonly used prescription veterinary drugs—nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and heartworm preventives.

"Both drugs can be dangerous if there is no professional involvement," says Hartogensis. "It's not generally a concern if the owner uses a legitimate online pharmacy and mails in a prescription from their veterinarian, who is monitoring the animal. But if there is no veterinarian-client-patient relationship, it's a dangerous practice."

### **NSAIDs and Heartworm Preventives**

Veterinarians often prescribe NSAIDs to relieve pain in dogs. NSAIDs should not be purchased on the Internet without a veterinarian's involvement because

- dogs should undergo blood testing and a thorough physical examination before starting NSAIDs
- dogs should be monitored by a veterinarian while they are taking NSAIDs
- veterinarians should discuss possible side effects of NSAIDs with the owner

- the prescription should be accompanied by a Client Information Sheet that explains important safety information to the owner

Heartworm disease is a potentially fatal condition transmitted by the bite of a mosquito that is carrying infected larvae of the heartworm parasite. Dogs, cats, and ferrets can get heartworm. Heartworm preventives, given daily, monthly, or semiannually depending on the product, kill the larvae before they become adult worms.

The American Heartworm Society recommends

- using heartworm medication for dogs year-round, no matter where you live in the United States
- getting dogs tested yearly to make sure they're not infected with heartworm

"Testing is important even in dogs regularly treated with heartworm preventive products due to the occasional reports of product ineffectiveness," says Hartogensis. An Internet pharmacy veterinarian cannot draw blood from the animal to perform the test. If the test isn't done, a pet owner could be giving heartworm preventives to a dog that has heartworms, potentially leading to severe reactions.

### **Tips for Buying Pet Drugs Online**

- *Order from a Web site that belongs to a Vet-VIPPS accredited pharmacy.* Vet-VIPPS—the Veterinary-Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites—is a voluntary accreditation program of the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP). NABP gives the



Vet-VIPPS seal to online pharmacies that dispense prescription animal drugs and comply with NABP's strict criteria, including federal and state licensing and inspection requirements, protecting patient confidentiality, quality assurance, and validity of prescription orders. Look for the Vet-VIPPS seal displayed on a pharmacy's Web site or check with NABP at [www.nabp.net](http://www.nabp.net) (click on "Accreditation Programs") to find out if a pharmacy is Vet-VIPPS accredited. Because this is a new program, begun in 2009, a small number of pharmacies are currently Vet-VIPPS accredited.

- *Order from an outsourced prescription management service that your veterinarian uses.*

These state-licensed Internet pharmacy services work directly with the veterinarian, require that a prescription be written by the veterinarian, and support the veterinarian-client-patient relationship. Ask your veterinary hospital if it uses an Internet pharmacy service.

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Club members who wish to utilize the Litter Listing Column of the newsletter and website will be required to pay \$50 per litter listing unless they have worked at two of our three club events during the course of the year.

**Meetings** General meetings shall take place the first Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted.

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