

DID YOUR VET GIVE YOU AN INFORMATION SHEET FOR YOUR PET'S Rx?

It could mean the difference between life and death!



Do You Know...

- 🐾 A Client Information Sheet (CIS) should accompany ALL drugs distributed by your veterinarian.
- 🐾 Not having the information provided on the CIS could mean permanent damage or even death to your pet.
- 🐾 Pre-existing medical conditions can greatly sensitize a pet to certain medications, which can substantially increase the risk of adverse reactions.
- 🐾 Even drugs as innocuous-appearing as antibiotics can have deadly consequences!
- 🐾 Adverse reactions can range from very mild to deadly.

Client Information Sheets (CIS) are provided BY manufacturers FOR veterinarians to dispense to clients. They are essentially a copy of the information found on drug package inserts, which includes:

- 1 – side effect / adverse reaction symptoms & signs
- 2 – food/drug interaction warnings
- 3 – directions for proper use
- 4 – contraindications (when the medication should NOT be used, such as pre-existing conditions)
- 5 – poison control contact information in case of overdose or adverse reaction.

If you have concerns about a product's safety/efficacy, RESEARCH! For the love of your pet, "When in doubt, don't!"

In the event your vet fails to provide this invaluable information, you can find package inserts and the information contained therein online. Check the manufacturer's website or the FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine website for information about the product:

http://www.fda.gov/cvm/ade_cum.htm - For cumulative adverse reaction reports on drugs regulated by the FDA/CVM. Be aware these reports list drugs by their chemical name, not their trade name.

http://www.peteducation.com/category_summary.cfm?cls=0&Cat=1303 - Information on common drugs and nutraceuticals.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PetAdvocate101> - A Yahoo group with LOTS of links in the files and support for those seeking answers.

If your pet experiences a suspected adverse reaction to ANY medication, please file reports with the manufacturer **AND** the FDA/CVM. Do not rely on the manufacturer to file the report with the FDA/CVM.

You can do this without your vet's assistance. Simply file a Form 1932A -

<http://www.fda.gov/opacom/morechoices/fdaforms/FDA-1932a.pdf> - along with any paperwork (medical history, test results, etc) that might be of assistance to the FDA.