## Ordering your prescription



As you can imagine all the extra checks, paperwork, questionnaires and consults means that to dispense POM-V parasite treatment will now take a little longer than usual.

Therefore to avoid disappointment of not being able to collect your treatment on the day, please order your parasite treatment over the phone 48 hours before it is required so we can complete our checks and have your treatment ready for you when you collect it.

What if you do not want to come in for a consultation?

If you do not want a consultation then POM-V cannot be dispensed anymore. Certain medication can be dispensed without a prescription by our 4 trained SQP's. These members of staff may not be on site when you come to the practice so again please order your prescription 48 hours before you arrive to avoid a wasted trip.



**Complaints** 

If you would like further information on these changes or want to make a complaint about the new changes then please go to: rcvs.org.uk/home

Thank you again for bearing with us through this time of change and please be understanding to our staff if they ask you to bring your animal into the surgery



## New prescribing laws

**New guidance for worming** and flea treatment



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The Royal college of veterinary surgeons (RCVS) which is the regulatory body for veterinary surgeons in the UK has updated the rules for prescribing parasite treatment.

Prescription only parasite treatment which includes worming, flea and tick treatment will now be classified in the same category as antibiotics. Therefore by law we are now only allowed to prescribe prescription only parasite treatment for your pets after a in person physical examine has been undertaken.

## Why has this happened?



Changes to the rules were inevitable and are essential to help our environmental impact by:

- •The responsible use of drugs
- •The declining populations of insects
- Reducing the veterinary impact on the issue of global drug resistance



If you require prescription only parasite treatment(POM-V) which includes, Bravecto, Nexgard, etc. then we will need to undertake a clinical exam, update your pets weight and to make sure we are prescribing the correct products

for your Pets' lifestyle.

This exam will be routinely undertaken at your annual vaccination, but if medication is required and we have not seen your pet in the last 12 months, then we will require you to bring them in for a examination. Whilst these changes get up and running we will be running FOC 5 minute examinations at certain times, where we will ask you to complete a questionnaire before your appointment so we can make sure you pet is on the correct treatment. This consultation is only for parasite treatment and will only last 5 mins, if further advise is needed and the vet has time then a consultation charge will apply.

When the questionnaire, weight and clinical exam is completed, the vet will be able to issue your pet a personalised 12-month health plan prescription. This will be kept on their records and enable further parasite treatment to be dispensed throughout the year by a trained person.

