



Fairbanks Animal Clinic / NW Pet Lodge & Healthcare



EXTRA-LABEL CONSENT FORM

“Extra-label drug use” describes the veterinary use of a drug in a manner for which it was not approved. Extra-label drug use occurs when a drug only approved for human use is used in animals, when a drug approved for one species of animal is used in another, or when a drug is used to treat a condition for which it was not approved.

Drug Use Clarification Act which became effective in December 1996. According to this act:

- Extra-label drug use is permitted by veterinarians.
- A veterinarian-client-patient relationship is prerequisite for all extra-label drug use.
- An approved human drug may be used in an extra-label manner even when an identical, approved animal drug is available.
- Veterinarians must keep records of any extra-label drug use for at least 2 years (in some states, longer).

Examples of extra-label drug use in veterinary medicine include the use of phenobarbital (a drug only approved for use in humans) to treat epilepsy in dogs and cats; the use of ivermectin in dogs and cats (an anti-parasitic only approved for use in cattle); and the use of enrofloxacin (Baytril) solution as a topical ear medication (only approved for injection).

Extra-label drug use is not the experimental use of drugs. Dosages and uses have been established and obtained through veterinary publications, at veterinary continuing education seminars or from consultations with veterinary specialists and meet the standard of care for the veterinary community. However, since these drugs have not been FDA approved there could be mild or serious unexpected side effects including death, (just as there could be with any approved drug).

The health and comfort of your pet is our primary concern. We would never prescribe a drug to your pet that we did not feel was in its best interest. When we use a drug which might have a higher potential for side effects or one we are not familiar with, we will discuss the benefit and risks with you before we treat your pet.

By signing, you are indicating you have read this form, have had your questions answered and are giving your consent for the veterinarians to use extra-label drugs for your pets.

Owner/Agent _____ Date _____

Clinic Team Member _____