

# Animal owner requests a prescription from a veterinary practice

Minnesota Statutes for the practice of veterinary medicine: (<http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats/156/16.html>)

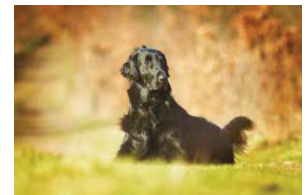
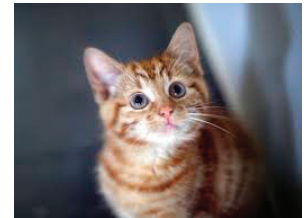
Does one of the veterinarians in the practice have a current VCPR for the animal(s) to

## YES:

1. The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) and the need for medical treatment.
2. The client has agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian.
3. The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the animal(s) to initiate at least a general, preliminary, or tentative diagnosis of the medical conditions of the animal(s).  
*This means that the veterinarian must be acquainted with the keeping and care of the animal(s) by virtue of an examination of the animal(s) or medically appropriate and timely visits to the premises where the animal(s) are kept.*
4. The veterinarian is available for consultation in case of adverse reactions or failure of the regimen of therapy.
5. The veterinarian maintains records documenting patient visits, diagnosis, treatments, and drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered, and other relevant information.
6. **The veterinarian holding the VCPR can write a prescription for the specific circumstance.**

## NO:

**Veterinarian cannot write a prescription.**



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**PRESCRIPTIONS MUST INCLUDE:** (from <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats/156/18.html>)

A prescription or other veterinary authorization must include:

- name, address, and if written, the signature of the prescribing veterinarian
- name and address of the client
- identification of the species for which the drug is prescribed or ordered
- name, strength, and quantity of the drug that can be dispensed
- date of issue
- directions for use
- withdrawal times (if applicable)

**In addition, it is recommended that the prescription include:**

- expiration date for the prescription
- cautionary statements

Prescriptions must be filled by a pharmacy licensed by the State of Minnesota.

**The dispensing veterinarian or pharmacy must properly label the drug according to law:** (from: <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/stats/156/18.html>)

- (a) A veterinarian or the veterinarian's authorized agent dispensing a veterinary prescription drug or prescribing the extra-label use of an over-the-counter drug must provide written information which includes the name, address, telephone number of the veterinarian, date of filling, species of patient, name or names of drug, strength of drug or drugs, directions for use, withdrawal time, and cautionary statements, if any, appropriate for the drug.
- (b) If the veterinary drug has been prepared, mixed, formulated, or packaged by the dispenser, all of the information required in paragraph (1) must be provided on a label affixed to the container.
- (c) If the veterinary drug is in the manufacturer's original package, the information required in paragraph (a) must be supplied in writing but need not be affixed to the container. Information required in paragraph (a) that is provided by the manufacturer on the original package does not need to be repeated in the separate written information. Written information required by this paragraph may be written on the sales invoice.