



VETERINARY PRACTITIONERS BOARD  
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

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To whom it may concern

**CONCERN REGARDING USE OF PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION**

The ACT Veterinary Practitioners Board (the Board) has received a complaint which includes an assertion that non-veterinary practitioner dog owners may be providing prescribed medications to other dog owners at dog shows in the ACT and NSW.

The Board encourages you to communicate with your participants that they should only administer prescription medications to their pets if the medication has been prescribed and supplied by their treating veterinary practitioner following a physical examination and diagnoses of their pet.

Administering prescription medications in circumstances other than this could not only constitute a breach of the law but could also lead to adverse outcomes for their pets.

The Board thanks you for your cooperation in helping to protect the public and their pets.

Yours sincerely

Dr Bruce Smith  
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ACT Veterinary Practitioners Board  
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