



Battling Antibiotic Resistance

Antibiotics are drugs commonly used to fight bad germs like bacteria. Proper use helps them work for you and your pet



WHAT IS ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE?

- When bad germs, like bacteria, can **stop drugs from killing them**
- Resistance allows sickness to continue



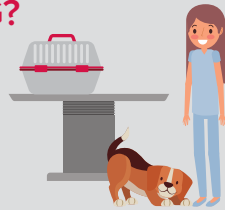
WHO DOES THIS IMPACT?

- Antibiotic resistance impacts **humans, animals, and the environment**
- Resistance can **spread between you and your pet** through petting, licking, feeding, and grooming



WHERE IS THIS HAPPENING?

- Antibiotic resistant germs are **all around us**
- They can be found in **hospitals, farms, clinics, and your home**



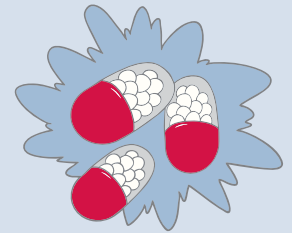
WHY SHOULD I CARE?

- Antibiotic resistance can lead to **higher healthcare costs, prolonged sickness, and even death**



WHEN DO GERMS BECOME ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANT?

- Germs develop resistance from the **overuse or misuse** of antibiotics
- These drugs should kill bacteria when used correctly, but **improper use makes them stop working** in some situations



HOW CAN I HELP?

STEWARDSHIP

- Proper drug use can:
 - Improve your pet's health outcome
 - Reduce antibiotic resistance
 - Stop the spread of bad germs



PREVENTIVE CARE

- Preventive care includes:
 - Routine **shots**
 - Yearly **exams**
 - **Heartworm/flea/tick** prevention
- Reduces the risk of sickness and the need for drug use



HAND WASHING

- Always wash your hands **before and after caring for your pet**
- Frequent hand washing **reduces the spread** of antibiotic resistant germs between you and your pet



Talk to your veterinarian today to see what they are doing to battle antibiotic resistance!