



Attention All Animal Owners!

Anyone, including pet owners and farmers, can report an unexpected reaction to an animal medicine or microchip directly to the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD). You can also report if you think an animal medicine hasn't worked.

VMD will use the information you provide to help make sure that animal medicines and microchips are used safely and effectively.

Report Animal Reactions:

when a medicine could have made your animal unwell or may not have worked.

You'll be asked for details of:

- the medicine, including the product name, batch number and marketing authorisation number if known
- the animal that was affected, for example the species, breed and age
- when and how the medicine was first given to the animal
- the symptoms



Report Human Reactions:

when you or someone else has possibly had a reaction to an animal medicine while using it on an animal, for example a skin allergy.

You'll be asked for details of:

- the medicine, including the product name, batch number and marketing authorisation number if known
- the people affected - and how and when they came into contact with the medicine
- the symptoms



Report online at www.gov.uk/report-veterinary-medicine-problem



Veterinary Medicines Directorate

Veterinary Pharmacovigilance in the UK: Annual Review

Veterinary pharmacovigilance is the monitoring of all adverse event reports for emerging patterns of undesirable effects, following the use of veterinary medicines.

The annual review summarises the UK adverse events in animal, humans and the environment after the use of veterinary medicines and other products reported to VMD.

The review includes information on:

- Who sends the reports
- Types of products in reports
- Animal adverse events
 - ◊ Companion animals (pets)
 - ◊ Food animals
 - ◊ Exotic animals
- Human adverse events
- Environmental report
- Dispensing errors
- Advice to users of veterinary medicines
- Glossary of clinical terms

An **adverse event** is any observation in animals or humans, whether or not considered to be product-related, that is unfavourable and unintended and that occurs after any use of a veterinary medicine.

A **suspected adverse reaction** (SAR) is an adverse event that involves the development of side effects in animals or humans after any use of a veterinary medicine. A safety report describes an event involving a suspected adverse reaction.

A **suspected lack of expected efficacy** (SLEE) is when a product is not thought to have worked as well as expected. Some safety reports also involve some element of lack of efficacy. In these cases, 'lack of efficacy' is recorded as a clinical sign.

A **serious adverse event** results in death, is life-threatening, ends in significant disability or incapacity, a congenital anomaly or birth defect, or results in permanent or prolonged signs in treated animals.

An **environmental incident** is an event in which wildlife or plants are affected by a veterinary medicine that has been released into the environment either accidentally or by deliberate intent.

www.gov.uk/vmd and search "pharmacovigilance annual review"



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Reporting Adverse Events



Many millions of doses of different types of veterinary medicine are manufactured, sold and used annually within the UK. In a relatively small number of cases, an adverse event (AE) occurs during, or a period of time after, the use of a medicine. Vets, animal owners (including farmers) or anyone else who has reliable knowledge of the incident can report an AE either to the company marketing the medicine or to the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD).

Online reporting is easy to do and you can also print out for your records:

Please enter as much information as possible. Fields marked with a * are required.

As you type in the Product Name box, the website will suggest products which are possible matches for the words you are entering, added.

* Product Name:			
MA No (if known):		Batch No (if known):	
* Date Administration Started:		Person Who Administered Product:	Please select
Route of Administration:	Please select	Duration of Administration:	Please select (numeric values only)
Dose Details:			
Concurrent Products:			
Add Product	(Select the product name and click Add Product to confirm selection.)		
Cancel		Next	

Contact the VMD Pharmacovigilance team on 01932 338427 or
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