

# DO YOUR HOMEWORK BE ONLINE PET PHARMACY

## A.W.A.R.E.

Internet sites that sell pet drugs can be reputable pharmacies. Some, however, are not. They are fronts for businesses breaking Federal, State, or International laws. These illegal pet pharmacies may sell counterfeit, outdated, mislabeled, incorrectly-made, or improperly stored drugs. They also may not refund you if you have problems with your order.

If your pet needs a prescription drug, talk with your veterinarian before you purchase online. Your veterinarian wants what's best for you and your pet.

If you still want to purchase your pet's prescription drugs online, remember you can protect yourself and your pet--do your homework and be online pet pharmacy **A.W.A.R.E.**

Report suspicious online pet pharmacy sites to the FDA and the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) at:

FDA: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/ReportaProblem/ucm059315.htm>

NABP: <http://www.nabp.net/>.

The best defense you have against illegal online pet pharmacies is education. Do your homework and be online pet pharmacy **A.W.A.R.E.** before you purchase your pet's medicines online.

**AN INFORMED CONSUMER IS AN EMPOWERED CONSUMER.**

For more information about purchasing pet drugs from online pet pharmacies, visit CVM's website at: <http://www.fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary>, call CVM at 1-240-402-7002, or write CVM at AskCVM@fda.hhs.gov.

- A** Ask your veterinarian
- W** Watch for red flags
- A** Always check for site accreditation
- R** Report problems and suspicious pharmacies
- E** Educate yourself about online pet pharmacies

