



# Medicines and your greyhound

## Buying safe and effective vet products

Accessing the latest veterinary medicines on the market is important for maintaining greyhound health and performance. But if the product is not APVMA approved, it may not provide a safe treatment for your animal or do the job it claims. Illegal products may also be intercepted by the APVMA, wasting your time and money.

Products that meet the following criteria must be approved and registered by the APVMA before being legally manufactured, imported, sold, advertised or bought in Australia:

- Any veterinary chemical product that claims to provide a therapeutic benefit to an animal
- Any product administered to an animal by injection
- Human-use medicines used on an animal, unless prescribed by a vet
- Compounded medicines that are not formulated under a genuine veterinarian instruction.



**APVMA approval means the product has been scientifically assessed as safe and effective when used according to the label instructions.**



### Simple actions to buy a safe and effective product

1. Flip the pack and check the back for the APVMA approval number
2. Drop the product name into the APVMA's registered chemical database to confirm registration [portal.apvma.gov.au/pubcris](http://portal.apvma.gov.au/pubcris)
3. Always use products as directed on the label
4. Human-use medicines and compounded products can only be used to treat an animal if prescribed by a vet.
5. If you're unsure, speak to your vet.

### What medicines don't need registration?

Products that don't make a therapeutic claim; vet-prescribed products and excluded nutritional or digestives (END) are exempt from the regulations and don't require APVMA registration. Visit the APVMA website to read more about what we don't regulate.

**All substances used must comply with the rules of racing.**

### What can I do if I've bought a suspicious or unregistered product?

It is illegal to advertise or offer unregistered veterinary medicines in Australia.

Report suspicious or unregistered products to the APVMA at [compliance@apvma.gov.au](mailto:compliance@apvma.gov.au) or phone **1300 700 315**. Reports are treated confidentially and help ensure unsafe or ineffective products do not continue to be sold in Australia.

### More information

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