VETERINARIAN CLIENT PATIENT RELATIONSHIP [VCPR]

A VCPR means that all of the following are required:

1. The veterinarian has assumed the responsibility for making clinical judgments regarding the health of the patient and the client has agreed to follow the veterinarians' instructions.
2. The veterinarian has sufficient knowledge of the patient to initiate at least a general or preliminary diagnosis of the medical condition of the patient. This means that the veterinarian is personally acquainted with the keeping and care of the patient by virtue of a timely examination of the patient by the veterinarian, or medically appropriate and timely visits by the veterinarian to the operation where the patient is managed.
3. The veterinarian is readily available for follow-up evaluation or has arranged for the following: veterinary emergency coverage, and continuing care and treatment.
4. The veterinarian provides oversight of treatment, compliance, and outcome.
5. Patient records are maintained.

I. PRODUCER

Producer Name: _____

Address: _____City: _____Zip: _____

Farm Name and Location: _____

Section: _____Township: _____County: _____

Premises ID Number (optional): _____

II. VETERINARIAN

Name: _____

Address: _____City: _____Zip: _____

Clinic Name: _____

Phone Number: (_____)_____

III. I am the producer/owner/caretaker (circle as applicable) of the animal(s) identified as follows by ear tag, tattoo, leg band, etc. **Use additional sheets as necessary.**

ANIMAL ID [Tag#, Brand, EID]	Species Type	Sex [M/F]	Diagnosis	Recommended Treatment	Medication Administered	Date	Dosage

IV. The Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act of 1994 (AMDUCA) permits veterinarians to prescribe extralabel uses of certain approved new animal drugs and approved human drugs for animals under certain conditions. Extralabel use refers to the use of an approved drug in a manner that is not in accordance with the approved label directions. Under AMDUCA and its implementing regulations published at Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 530 (21 CFR 530), any extralabel use of an approved new animal or human drug must be by or on the lawful order of a veterinarian within the context of a veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). Extralabel use must also comply with other provisions of 21 CFR 530.

"Extralabel use" is defined as:
"Actual use or intended use of a drug in an animal in a manner that is not in accordance with the approved labeling. This includes, but is not limited to, use in species not listed in the labeling, use for indications (disease and other conditions) not listed in the labeling, use at dosage levels, frequencies, or routes of administration other than those stated in the labeling, and deviation from labeled withdrawal time based on these different uses." (21 CFR 530.3(a))

Under the provisions of 21 CFR 530, the FDA recognizes the professional judgment of veterinarians, and permits the extralabel use of drugs by veterinarians under certain conditions. Extralabel use of drugs may only take place within the scope of a valid VCPR. In the absence of a valid VCPR, if an approved new animal drug is used for a use for which it is not labeled, such use has caused the drug to be deemed unsafe under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act ("the Act") (21 U.S.C. 360b), and therefore adulterated under the Act (21 U.S.C. 351(a)(5)).

Extralabel Use in Food-Producing Animals
There are additional specific conditions that must be met for extralabel use of approved animal and approved human drugs in food-producing animals. The following conditions appear in 21 CFR 530.20:

1) There is no approved animal drug that is labeled for such use and that contains the same active ingredient in the required dosage form and concentration, except where a veterinarian finds, within the context of a valid VCPR, that the approved animal drug is clinically ineffective for its intended use.
2) Before prescribing or dispensing an approved animal drug or approved human drug for an extralabel use in food animals, the veterinarian must:
   - Make a careful diagnosis and evaluation of the conditions for which the drug is to be used;
   - Establish a substantially extended withdrawal period prior to marketing of milk, meat, eggs, or other edible products supported by appropriate scientific information, if applicable;
   - Institute procedures to assure that the identity of the treated animal or animals is carefully maintained; and
   - Take appropriate measures to assure that assigned time frames for withdrawal are met and no illegal drug residues occur in any food producing animal subjected to extra-label treatment.

V. I understand this ongoing "veterinarian-client-patient relationship" to be a relationship in which the veterinarian named in the preceding section has assumed the responsibility for making veterinary medical judgments regarding the health of the animal(s) described above and the need for veterinary medical treatment of said animal(s), and in which I, as producer, owner and/or caretaker of the animal(s), have agreed to follow the instructions of the veterinarian in relation to zoonotic diseases. I verify the foregoing to be accurate. I make the foregoing statement subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities). In witness of this, I have signed and dated this verification below.

Producer Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hearby certify that a valid Veterinarian/Client/Patient Relationship (VCPR) is established for the above listed owner and will remain in force until canceled by either party.

Veterinarian's Signature: _____ Date: _____