



# Animal Drug Compounding

Federal-State Intergovernmental Working  
Meeting on Drug Compounding  
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# CVM Priorities

- Implementing the Food Safety Modernization Act of 2010 (FSMA)
- Compounding / Unapproved Animal Drugs
- Antimicrobial Resistance (includes the National Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring System [NARMS])

# Why we are concerned about animal drug compounding

- Animals are harmed by substandard compounded drugs
  - Death of 21 polo ponies - Franck's Pharmacy
  - Death of race horses - Wickliffe Pharmacy
    - Sampling showed sub- and super-potent drugs
- Copies directly compete with approved products creating disincentives to obtaining approval

# FDA's Regulatory Framework – Animal Drugs

- Animal drugs compounded from bulk are “new animal drugs” under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act)
  - Medical Center Pharmacy (*536 F. 3d 383 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2008)*)
- Unless a statutory exemption applies, new animal drugs must meet all applicable statutory requirements

# FDA's Regulatory Framework – Animal Drugs (cont'd)

- FDA's framework for regulating compounded animal drugs is different than its framework for regulating compounded human drugs
- Sections 503A and 503B of the FD&C Act do not apply to compounded animal drugs

# FDA's Regulatory Framework – Animal Drugs (cont'd)

- Nothing in the FD&C Act exempts animal drugs that are compounded from bulk drug substances from having to meet all requirements for new animal drugs

# Pathways to Legally Market Animal Drugs

Animal drugs must be:

- Approved
- Conditionally approved, or
- Listed on the index of legally marketed unapproved drugs

# FDA's Regulatory Framework – Animal Drugs (cont'd)

- Limited exemption for compounding from approved animal or human drugs
  - This activity falls under a 1994 amendment to the FD&C Act - Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act or “AMDUCA”
  - Drugs compounded from approved animal or human drugs are exempt from the approval requirements and requirements for adequate directions for use



# AMDUCA (cont'd)

- AMDUCA allows extralabel use of animal drugs, under certain conditions:
  - Within context of veterinarian-client-patient relationship
  - In compliance with extralabel use regulations at 21 CFR 530

# Extralabel Use Regulations

- Extralabel use regulations - compounding
  - Only applies to extralabel use from compounding of approved new animal and approved human drugs
    - Must be by a veterinarian or a pharmacist on the order of a veterinarian within the practice of veterinary medicine
  - “Nothing in this part shall be construed as permitting compounding from bulk drugs” (21 *CFR* 530.13(a))

# Extralabel Use - Compounding

- No approved new animal or approved new human drug available to appropriately treat the condition diagnosed
- Certain restrictions on compounding for food animals
- Adequate procedures and processes are followed that ensure the safety and effectiveness of the compounded product
- All relevant State laws relating to the compounding of drugs for use in animals are followed

# CVM Rethinking Policy

- Agency announced intent to revise guidance on Compounding of Drug for Animals
- Stakeholders:
  - Veterinarians
  - Pharmacies
  - Outsourcing facilities registered under 503B
  - Animal owners
  - Pharmaceutical companies

# CVM's Concerns

- Compounding for food producing animals
- Drug quality
- Copies of approved drugs
- Compliance with State pharmacy laws
- Compounding for resale
- Office stock

# Summary

- Unapproved drugs are a high priority for CVM
  - Including compounded drugs
- Legal framework for animal drug compounding is different from human compounding framework
- Safe animal drugs benefit everyone
- FDA and States should work together
  - Identify inventory of animal drug compounders
  - Joint response to problems
    - Red Cross Pharmacy, Oklahoma
    - Wickliffe Pharmacy, Kentucky



# Thank You!

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