

Waiver of responsibility and liability for prescriptions to be filled by Internet Pharmacies

Client's Name: _____ Pet's Name: _____

We understand and empathize with the desire to find products cheaply, and we know that several online pet pharmacies are able to sell certain products at a lower cost than we can. If you wish, we will gladly authorize you a prescription for your pet for certain products in lieu of directly purchasing them from Park Animal Hospital, however, we wish for your decision to be an informed one and want you to know several things regarding online pharmacies.

- 1. It is possible that prescription drugs received from these outside vendors might be counterfeit products, meaning that they may not have been approved by the FDA and/or don't actually contain the correct ingredients stated on the package label. This problem has occurred in the past and can be expected recur.
- 2. As the provider of your pet's care, our medical records keep track of all drugs dispensed by us to you. When you purchase your prescriptions elsewhere, our computer system is not activated to give you instructions for proper use & dosing; to give you an explanation of possible risks or adverse effects these medications might cause; or to send you reminders for follow-up exams and/or lab tests that may be needed to monitor for adverse reactions from medications.
- 3. You may not receive the necessary prescription drug(s) soon enough to either start your pet's medication at the optimal time to provide relief for his/her condition or to be able to continue long-term prescriptions continuously without a lapse.
- 4. When prescription products are purchased elsewhere our staff is unable to teach you how to use the medications safely, properly, and most effectively for your pet.
- 5. The number of tablets or capsules, milligram size, volume and/or concentration of liquid and number of authorized refills may differ from that prescribed by the attending doctor.
- 6. Since product manufacturers don't typically sell directly to internet pharmacies, we cannot vouch that these product vendors have received, stored, and shipped their products in proper

conditions that ensure product ingredients aren't damaged and that products don't lose effectiveness.

- 7. Manufacturer rebates that allow you to receive free product or money back on purchases made at our hospital generally are not available for purchases made through internet pharmacies.
- 8. Manufacturer's product guarantees are often not valid for medications obtained through internet pharmacies. This means that if your pet gets sick or the medical condition worsens despite using the purchased products, manufacturers will not stand behind their product guarantee to assist you with treatment costs. Additionally, Park Animal Hospital will be unable to assist you in claims against manufacturers in these cases, as we can't vouch for the safety and effectiveness of products purchased through an outside vendor.

I have read and understand the above information, I acknowledge & accept the risk, and I am aware that Park Animal Hospital cannot accept any financial responsibility for paying for or reimbursing me for any treatments required as a result of the use of products purchased from these sources. In the absence of negligence, I agree to hold Park Animal Hospital harmless for any deleterious effects or lack of effectiveness of drugs purchased from any other source.

Signature of Owner

Date