

European Antibiotics Awareness Day – 15 November 2018

A statement from the European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals - EPRUMA

EPRUMA partners recognise that animals, humans and the environment are interconnected. Healthy animals contribute to healthier people and EPRUMA partners are committed to make this happen.

- Veterinary medicines, including antibiotics, need to be used responsibly in order to maintain efficacy and both prevent and minimise adverse reactions.
- Responsible use is based on a holistic approach of minimising disease which encompasses enhancing knowledge on disease prevention, animal health, animal welfare and husbandry practices
- Antibiotics should be used ‘As little as possible, as much as necessary’.

On European Antibiotics Awareness Day EPRUMA partners restate our adherence to these principles, and reaffirm our commitment to the following objectives:

- Promoting animal health and welfare
- Working together to reach the highest achievable level of animal health
- Facilitating coordination and exchange of information on best practice
- Engaging and communicating to increase understanding of EPRUMA’s approach
- Developing best-practice frameworks on the responsible use and advocating for enhanced availability
- Supporting transparency of use of veterinary medicines
- Sharing knowledge by developing awareness campaigns on responsible use.

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Notes for editors:

- EPRUMA is a multi-stakeholder platform linking best practice with animal health and public health. It aims to ensure best practice through responsible use of medicines in the prevention and control of animal diseases.

EPRUMA partners:

- AnimalhealthEurope: The voice of the animal medicines industry
- COPA-COGECA: European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives
- Diagnostics for Animals
- EGGVP: European Group for Generic Veterinary Products
- EISA: European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture
- FECAVA: Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations
- FEFAC: European Feed Manufacturers Federation
- FESASS: European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security
- FVE: Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
- PGEU: Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union

Associate partners (National Responsible Use platforms):

- AMCRA: Centre for Expertise on Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance in Animals (Belgium)
- RUMA: Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance (United Kingdom)
- SDa: Veterinary Medicines Institute (The Netherlands)
- VETRESPONSABLE: Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals (Spain)

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