



FDA Allows Compounded FIP Drug in Certain Cases

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Remdesivir is an antiviral drug used primarily to treat COVID-19 and SARS-CoV-2 infections in people. Researchers at the University of California Davis School of Veterinary Medicine have found success using both Remdesivir and its metabolite GS-441524 in treating case of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP). Unfortunately the drug has been almost impossible for veterinarians to acquire and cat owners have relied on black market sources until recently. Stokes Pharmacy announced its partnership with Bova Group to produce an FDA-approved compounded GS-441524 product for the treatment of FIP in cats.

In response to social media posts incorrectly stating that GS-441524 will be “legally” available for the treatment of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) in the U.S., the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued clarification on compounding guidelines. The clarification states that because there is no FDA approved drug to treat FIP in cats, the agency does not intend to enforce requirements for new animal drug approval regarding compounding of GS-441524. However, the FDA reminds compounders they must still follow Guidance for Industry (GFI) #256, Compounding Animal Drugs from Bulk Substances. GFI #256 states that products must be compounded for patient specific prescriptions and can not be kept as office stock.

Because many cats presenting with FIP are sick enough they cannot wait for a compounded prescription to be filled, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) and the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) are collaborating to submit nominations to the FDA to allow office stock for both Remdesivir and its metabolite, GS-441524.

Public Health Officials Advise Veterinarians to Watch for Drug-Resistant Ringworm Infections

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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) wants to make veterinarians in the U.S. aware of a highly contagious antifungal-resistant ringworm species that is threatening humans and animals worldwide. *Trichophyton indotineae* was first documented a decade ago on the Indian subcontinent. According to a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report published in May, the fungus has been reported on six continents and, for the first time, in the U.S.

Characteristics of *T. indotineae* infections are widespread inflamed or dry and scaly pruritic plaques. Currently, no animal cases have been reported in the United States, but cases of infected dogs and cattle have been reported in Indian and Iran. The CDC urges veterinarians to be aware of animal infections with the fungus and to monitor for severe ringworm infections that prove difficult to treat.

Advanced molecular testing is required to identify the organism. Cultures cannot distinguish from other species of *Trichophyton*. Advanced testing is limited to select laboratories. Itraconazole has been effective against most human cases of *T. indotineae*, but resistant cases have been reported.

The CDC acknowledges limited knowledge and cases regarding infection and spread between humans and animals, but transmission from person-to-person appears to be high.



Nationwide Insurance to Non-Renew 100,000 Pet Insurance Policies

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Nationwide Insurance announced it will not renew about 100,000 pet policies over the next year. The company states the non-renewals will occur between now and the summer of 2025 and there is no association with age, breed or prior claims.

The company states it will notify clients whose policies will not renew in writing well in advance of the cancellation. Nationwide cites the rising cost of veterinary care and underwriting changes as its reason for dropping the in some states. The company plans to focus more on expanding partnerships with companies like Petco, Walmart and Unum.

Many clients with older pets that have pre-existing conditions will not longer be covered for their pet's routine monitoring and medication. Few insurance companies will take on new policies for such animals. Clients whose policies have been dropped have been encouraged to shop around for new insurance providers or start a savings account for their pet's veterinary bills. A private Facebook group, named Dropped by Nationwide Pet Insurance WholeWellness?, has been created to provide support for former clients.



Farm Bill - The Healthy Dog Importation Act

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With over 1 million dogs being imported into the U.S. each year, only 1% are required to be inspected by federal agencies. In response to this increased potential public health risk, the Healthy Dog Importation Act was introduced to both the House of Representatives (H.R. 1184) and the Senate (S.502).

The bill would require a certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI) for every dog entering the U.S. The certificate must be issued by a licensed veterinarian who has been accredited by a veterinary authority authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture. The certificates must be submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and maintained in a centralized database made available multiple agencies including CDC and Homeland security to facilitate verification upon entry into the U.S. The bill requires all dogs coming into the U.S. to be permanently identified with a microchip. The bill also allows the Secretary to set fees for import permits that would help offset the costs of monitoring and oversight.

Multiple agencies and associations are supporting the bill including the AVMA, the American Association of Bovine Practitioners, American

Association of Food Safety and Public Health Veterinarians, American Association of Swine Veterinarians, and the American Kennel Club.

Effective August 1, 2024, the CDC has issued new federal regulations for dogs entering or re-entering the country. The requirements state the dogs must be healthy, at least 6 months old, have a microchip implanted prior to rabies vaccination, have a CDC Dog Import Form receipt and have government -endorsed documentation of vaccination and travel history. Dogs coming from countries deemed high-risk for rabies may have additional requirements.

The CDC has guidance for USDA-accredited veterinarians to clarify the new requirements that can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/importation/hcp/dog-importation/index.html>.

The AVMA has created new resources to help answer veterinarian questions regarding the new requirements. The Frequently Asked Questions and downloads can be accessed at <https://www.avma.org/resources-tools/animal-health-and-welfare/animal-travel-and-transport/new-cdc-dog-importation-requirements-faqs-veterinarians>.

Revised CPR Guidelines in Dogs, Cats Emphasize Speed, Standard Techniques

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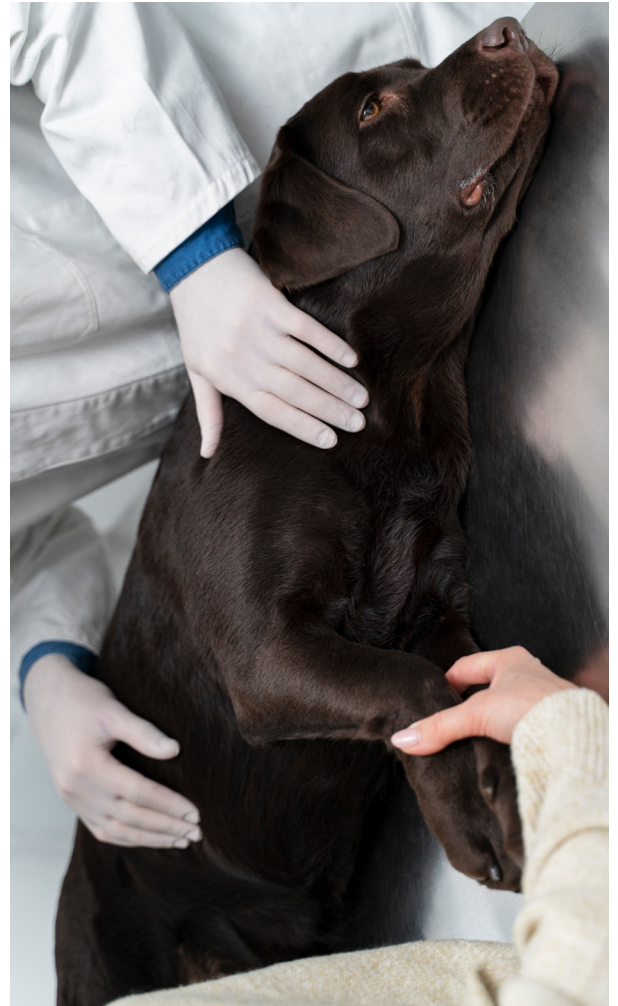
In June 2024, the RECOVER (Reassessment Campaign on Veterinary Resuscitation) initiative published its first revision of the CPR guidelines since 2012. The guidelines were produced with a goal of increasing positive CPR outcomes in veterinary patients by adapting advancements in human medical care.

The updates include enhanced methods of chest compression for best survival during cardiac arrest, adjustments to techniques based on patient size and chest shape, revisions for pets that are not intubated, and updated medication dosages and procedures. The new version also includes a more streamlined CPR algorithm for faster response, updated dosing charges and ECG diagnosis algorithm.

The CPR initial assessment algorithm helps determine if and when to perform CPR and should take no more than 15 seconds to perform. A non-responsive patient should be stimulated by shaking and shouting and breathing should be assessed. Quality chest compressions and ventilation are the most important components of basic life support.

The algorithms and drug charts can be downloaded from <https://recoverinitiative.org/2024-algorithms-drug-charts/>.

The new guidelines are available on the RECOVER initiative website at <https://recoverinitiative.org>. In addition, the guidelines are also provided in an open-access issue of Wiley's Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care.



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Speaker: TBA

Topic: TBA

Date: September 19th, 2024

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