

2014 National FFA Veterinary Science CDE – Scenarios

Scenario #1

A safe animal feed supply helps ensure healthy animals and people. To that end, the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM):

- monitors and establishes standards for feed contaminants,
- approves safe food additives,
- and manages the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) medicated feed and pet food

The FDA has amended the new animal drug regulations to implement the veterinary feed directive (VFD) drugs section of the Animal Drug Availability Act of 1996 (ADAA) with Guidance #209. This Guidance defines judicious (or responsible) uses of medically important antibiotic medicines in food production animals. It applies to medicated feed antibiotic products and water soluble antibiotic products that are classified as medically important antibiotics from a human health perspective.

A VFD drug is intended for use in animal feeds, and such use of the VFD drug is permitted only under the professional supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

Write a letter to producers explaining the upcoming changes to the VFD and how the veterinarian will assist with these changes and serve as a resource for questions and concerns.

Scenario #2

Absent Abby brings her 11-year-old standard poodle, Princess, to your veterinary hospital for grooming services. While grooming the dog, Gentle Groomer Gina discovers a lump that's red and oozing. She calls Absent Abby about the lump so a veterinarian can diagnose and treat it before the client returns at 6 p.m. to pick up Princess. Gentle Groomer Gina tries to reach Absent Abby at home, work and on her cell phone, leaving messages at each number. Gentle Groomer Gina asks a veterinarian to look at the lump, and the doctor decides to take a fine-needle aspirate of the lump and proceed with treatment. Absent Abby arrives late to pick up Princess, walking in just 5 minutes before your hospital closes. The doctor is tied up in an emergency procedure, and Gentle Groomer Gina greets Absent Abby at the front desk to explain the lump and why it required immediate veterinary care. Absent Abby gets angry that treatment was provided without her permission and demands to speak to the doctor who saw Princess.

What are Abby's specific concerns?

What steps will you take to address Absent Abby's concerns?

What proactive steps could your hospital take to prevent this problem in the future?