

To keep your pets safe, we recommend the following:

- Discuss the use of preventive products, including over-the-counter products, with your veterinarian to determine the safest and most effective choice for each pet.
- Always talk to your veterinarian before applying any spot-on products, especially if your dog or cat is very young, old, pregnant, nursing, or on any medications.
- Only purchase EPA-registered pesticides or FDA-approved medicines.
- Read the entire label before you use/apply the product.
- Always follow label directions! Apply or give the product as and when directed. Never apply more or less than the recommended dose.
- Cats are not small dogs. Products labeled for use only for dogs should only be used for dogs, and never for cats. Never.
- Make sure that the weight range listed on the label is correct for your pet because weight matters. Giving a smaller dog a dose designed for a larger dog could harm the pet.

One pet may react differently to a product than another pet. When using these products, monitor your pet for any signs of an adverse reaction, including anxiousness, excessive itching or scratching, skin redness or swelling, vomiting, or any abnormal behavior. If you see any of these signs, contact your veterinarian. And most importantly, report these incidents to your veterinarian and the manufacturer of the product so adverse event reports can be filed.

Be aware that certain preventives are regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), while others are regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It can seem confusing at first to figure out which agency regulates the product you're using, but it's actually pretty straightforward: if the product is regulated by the EPA, there's an EPA number clearly listed on the package. If it's regulated by the FDA, there should be a NADA or ANADA number clearly listed on the package. Check the label for either an EPA or an FDA approval statement and number. If you see neither, check with your veterinarian before purchasing and especially before using the product.

- To report problems with EPA-approved pesticides, contact the [National Pesticide Information Center \(NPIC\)](#) at 1-800-858-7378.
- To report problems with FDA-approved drugs go to [How to Report An Adverse Drug Experience](#) or call 1-888-FDA-VETS. Additional reporting information is available on the FDA's [Report a Problem](#) page.