

As you may be aware, our hospital can act as a pharmacy in order to fill prescription requests. It has always been our goal to meet our patients' needs as individuals, and as many of the drugs we dispense are veterinary exclusive products, filling prescriptions on site has always seemed a convenient and cost effective way for us to help us treat and prevent disease in a timely fashion. In addition, **our philosophy is and continues to be** that you have the right to fill a prescription we generate from any pharmacy legally doing business in the state of North Carolina.

However, because of the proliferation of internet pharmacies and the reluctance with which some of them disclose their licensure information, *as of September 1, 2007*, we will no longer accept the liability for verifying whether a pharmacy faxing us a prescription authorization request is in compliance with FDA regulations and North Carolina State law. We will no longer return faxes to pharmacies that authorize the dispensing of any veterinary product.

We will be happy to provide a patient with a prescription written by one of our doctors for your use at the pharmacy of your choice. This may be picked up at the office or mailed to you. There will be a handling fee for prescriptions mailed to the patient's family.