



Informed Consent and Release for Online Prescriptions

It is the policy of Dunwoody Veterinary Center to ensure the safest pharmaceuticals possible for all patients. In doing so, we are legally required to have a valid patient/veterinarian relationship before we prescribe medications deemed *for sale by veterinarians only*. Please read the following information so that you may make an informed decision before purchasing from online sources:

- Our products are shipped directly from the manufacturer
- All major manufacturers of heartworm prevention strictly state their products to be sold by *veterinarians only*
- All Guarantees on products are null and void by manufacturers if not sold through a veterinarian
- Online and catalogue companies have been fined by the FDA for violating prescribing procedures
- Online pharmacies also have the following concerns: shipping charges, lengthy shipping times, incorrect medications, and damaged products

If you wish to continue to buy online products the following guidelines must be followed

- An office visit at Dunwoody Veterinary Center must have been performed in the last 12 months
- For heartworm prevention prescriptions a current heartworm test must be on record with Dunwoody Veterinary Center
- Authorizations will not be provided to online companies without your verbal consent and a signed informed consent and release form
- If ordering from an online pharmacy and an error arises you are responsible for rectifying the problem

I have read and understand the above, I release Dunwoody Veterinary Center of any responsibility for any treatments required as a result of products purchased from an online source. I also release Dunwoody Veterinary Center for any deleterious effects or lack of effectiveness of medications purchased from any other source.

Signature _____ **Date** _____