The Usdan Institute for **Animal Health Education**



The Usdan Institute for Animal Health Education at the Schwarzman Animal Medical Center is the leading provider of pet health information. Our mission is to educate and empower pet owners and to promote the human-animal bond.

With AMC's staff of more than 130 doctors and the knowledge gained from over a century of experience, we are uniquely positioned to deliver the most reliable and up-to-date information for all your pet health needs.

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Pet Medication Disposal Guide





Review the Package Insert

In addition to the drug's ingredients, dosage, and side effects, the package insert provided with your pet's medication contains information on the proper disposal of the drug.



Check Before You Flush

Most drugs <u>cannot</u> be safely flushed and will contaminate the water supply. Review the FDA's list of medicines that can be safely disposed of in the toilet before you flush.



Find Take Back Programs

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day runs every April and October. Also check your city, county, or state's website to find locally sponsored take back programs near you.



Visit Your Local Drug Store

Select pharmacies also are approved to take back expired and unwanted drugs. Find a disposal site near you by visiting the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) website.



Encase Sharp Objects

Place used needles or syringes in an empty tin container with a tightfitting lid before disposing. Search online for puncture-proof sharps containers for added precaution.



Throw It in the Trash

Mix medications with an unappealing substance like used cat litter or dirt and seal in a plastic bag before discarding. Cover any identifying information and recycle plastic bottles.

Please allow 72 hours to process prescriptions submitted to AMC's Dispensary. No walk-in service is available.