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ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE:

The facts

Antimicrobials are substances which kill or stop the growth of microorganisms. Examples of antimicrobials used in medicine include antibiotics, antivirals, antifungals and antiparasitics.

WHAT IS ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE?

Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites resist the effects of medications, making common infections harder to treat and leading to the development of drug-resistant strains.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

We need to use antimicrobials – like antibiotics – when needed rather than just in case and take measures to reduce the chance of infection. Research to develop new antimicrobial medications can take years so it's crucial to maintain their efficacy for as long as possible.



Good hygiene helps prevent infection



Always use antimicrobials as prescribed



Keep up to date with your pet's vaccinations



Trust your vet's advice on when antimicrobials are or are not needed

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