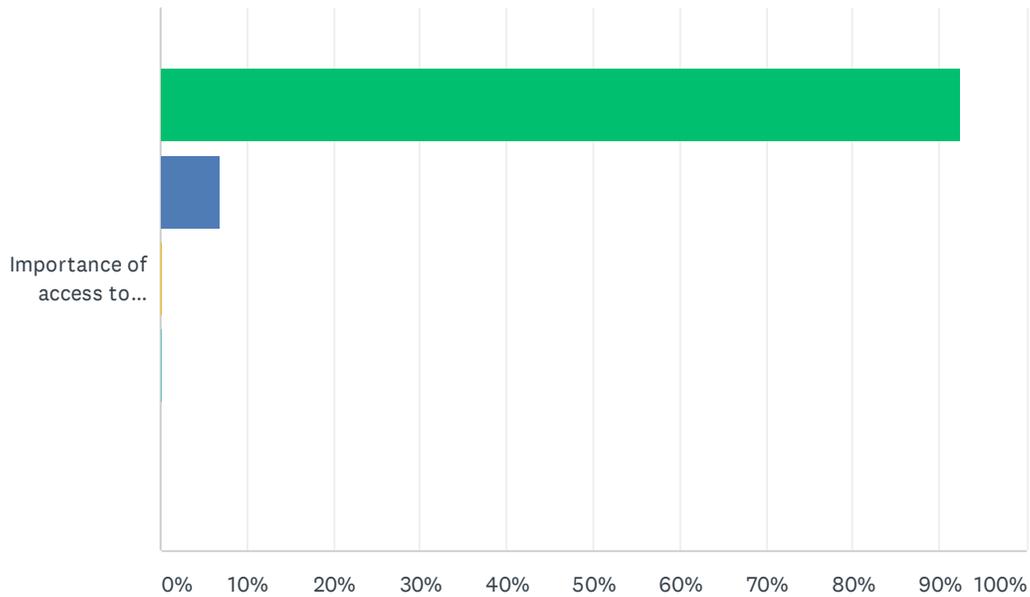


Q1 How important to your practice is having access to compounded medications when you believe they are necessary?

Answered: 2,039 Skipped: 0



■ Very Important
 ■ Important
 ■ Neither Important nor Unimportant
■ Somewhat Unimportant
 ■ Not at all Important

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Importance of access to compounded medications	92.40% 1,884	6.96% 142	0.29% 6	0.25% 5	0.10% 2	2,039	4.91

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#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SAY MORE ABOUT YOUR RESPONSE.	DATE
1	We have many patients in the veterinary world who refuse to take available veterinary or human generic medications that can literally mean life or death. The ability to compound a medication for easier administration is imperative to those patients. There are also drugs such as apomorphine which is only available through a compounding pharmacy that is absolutely a life saving drug when it's needed. It is much safer than the alternative of administering peroxide by mouth since peroxide aspiration can severely damage lungs and its effects are reversible with currently available medications.	1/13/2020 3:30 PM
2	One example of a case we have now-the dog has mersa. and another skin infection, nothing has worked on it-being able to get the drugs we need to treat cases such as this is what makes it so we can treat and bring relief to the pet, instead of euthanasia	1/13/2020 2:08 PM
3	Allows us to tailor medications to provide the best treatment possible.	1/13/2020 10:58 AM
4	So many pets are hard to medicate and having access to specific types of medications, dosages, and different types of compounds are vital to treating these pets.	1/13/2020 9:58 AM
5	There are certain conditions, both acute and chronic, for which a compounded medication is medically necessary. Restricting access to these medications would have negative implications for the veterinary industry AND for pet owners.	1/13/2020 9:43 AM
6	In some situations it is the only option for obtaining a medically critical medication for treating my patients.	1/13/2020 9:06 AM
7	A lot of medications are compounded to make the dosage appropriate for patients that are smaller or bigger than the allotted milligrams available for medications.	1/13/2020 8:05 AM
8	For feline and small breed dogs compounded medication is vital to ensure proper dosing.	1/12/2020 1:24 PM
9	This is especially important in our feline patients because we do not recommend forcing a pill down their throat. The compounded medications can be flavored and even crushed and added to food. This allows us to avoid pilling our feline patients.	1/12/2020 1:01 PM
10	As medical professionals treating patients ranging from less than 2 pounds to over 150 pounds, the few available concentrations offered commercially are not sufficient. Compounded medications are crucial for delivering appropriate dosage. In addition, non-humans are often not interested in ingesting medications as they do not have the capacity to see the benefit. If we are unable to provide incentive (palliative options), compliance is low.	1/11/2020 4:59 PM
11	Most compounded drugs are essential for treatment and we would not be having them compounded if there were other options available. Since these drugs are not available in a FDA approved form or in the form needs, especially for cats or exotics, we would not have any medication for treatment. This would SERIOUSLY affect the treatment capabilities of veterinarians that deal with these species.	1/11/2020 7:46 AM
12	Given the lack of access to certain drugs which may be on back order, sometimes compounded medications are the only option. Also certain compounded medications are the only way some owners can get the medications into their pets.	1/10/2020 6:54 PM
13	Without compounded medicine we will be very limited in our medical choices.	1/10/2020 4:44 PM
14	Most of our patients don't fit standard human sizes on doses and require compounded medications	1/10/2020 1:00 PM
15	There are times when an important medication is not commercially available like currently vetmedin(pimobendan)for heart disease, or generic vetoryl (trilostane) or tacrolimus for dry eye disease. these are meds that we cannot do without. it would be a crime against pet humanity not to be able to have these important meds. with the shortage very commonly anymore and every day of the commercially available forms of many meds it is very important to have this alternative/option	1/10/2020 11:58 AM
16	There are drugs not available commercially for safely treating conditions for the health and well-being of our companion animals. One such drug is Ponazuril. This drug is a coccidia cidal agent that is commercially available for equines. The other treatment for coccidia is a coccidia static agent (Albon - which has been used for decades) and coccidia is resistant to this older drug. Also, there are some commercially available drugs that go on extremely long backorder. That is life threatening to some patients i.e., congestive heart failure drugs.	1/10/2020 11:27 AM

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17	I use them in at least 50% of my patients under 20lbs in weight, and I am a small animal exclusive practitioner.	1/10/2020 11:15 AM
18	We have many small animals on medication that needs to be compounded to the correct dose for them. Without compounding, these pets will not be able to get the medication they need.	1/10/2020 10:24 AM
19	Not having immediate access to compounded drugs could cause potentially life-threatening results. Please do NOT put our patients in harm's way by restricting this access to us.	1/10/2020 10:15 AM
20	Pets need these medications available to them whether it is because the name brand is back ordered or because they offer tiny tabs/medi melts etc that help the owner give the medication easier.	1/10/2020 10:11 AM
21	Deal w major size differences in patients and dosing appropriately would not be feasible in significant number of individuals.	1/10/2020 9:49 AM
22	Many emergency medications are only available through compounding pharmacies. Also, when MANY drugs become unavailable due to back-orders, it can become a life-threatening situation if we can't prescribe a compounded replacement.	1/10/2020 9:32 AM
23	It is critical to have multiple methods of administration of medications for pets because administration to pets can be exceedingly challenging. What works for one, will not always work for another. In particular small dogs and cats are foremost in the patients that need multiple options but I know large breed dogs that do too. Transdermal, liquid, tiny tabs, chews, chewable tabs are critical in the treatment of many long term chronically ill patients whose lives would be DRAMATICALLY shortened without these medications. Often it requires more than one form before we find the one that works. Having the option of combining medications in a single dose is also extremely helpful, particularly for heart disease patients. Imagine all the drugs a human takes 2-3 times a day and then trying to get that into a small dog that chews everything. It is a real challenge. Eliminating this option to veterinarians will be detrimental to patient health in a myriad of ways.	1/10/2020 9:25 AM
24	Due to size variations in patients, inability of the pet owner to administer tablet form medications, and back-ordered products, it is vital that we be able to have compounded medications as a stop gap for those patients who need it.	1/10/2020 8:31 AM
25	As an emergency facility, we have more than the average number of compounded medications. Our patients come in all sizes and limiting the compounded medications would inhibit our ability to save lives and ease pain and suffering in patients of smaller size.	1/10/2020 7:37 AM
26	Some of the medications we have compounded are frequently unavailable through commercial vendors	1/9/2020 3:11 PM
27	So many formulations and strengths vary from what is available	1/9/2020 2:51 PM
28	So many FDA approved formulations are not sized for use in small dogs and cats	1/9/2020 2:50 PM
29	Our practice sees exotic animals, many of which need much smaller doses of medications than commercially available. This law would definitely hinder our ability to care for these animals.	1/9/2020 2:32 PM
30	Many drugs from time to time are not available and many we need in different form so the client can administer appropriately.	1/9/2020 2:30 PM
31	I use compounded medications on a weekly basis because of difficulty accurately dosing human medications as well as difficulty giving medications in human forms to some patients.	1/9/2020 1:21 PM
32	In many cases, pet parents can't give medications to their pets easily, especially oral tablets. Having access to other forms, such as flavored liquids or trans-dermal gels, greatly increases owner compliance and the health and wellbeing of the patients.	1/9/2020 12:51 PM
33	It is very frequent that our patients' weight is not in a safe range for commercial drug use and can be compounded in an appropriate strength. Also, many times commercial drugs are not scored and therefore cutting them is risky as you cannot be certain the actual active ingredient is evenly distributed but often times the whole dose is not correct for the animal's size.	1/9/2020 11:44 AM
34	at least 25% of our medications are compounded	1/9/2020 11:41 AM
35	We treat exotic pets and we absolutely need to be able to have medications compounded to the right concentrations.	1/9/2020 10:21 AM

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36	There are patients that I cannot treat without compounded drugs.	1/9/2020 10:20 AM
37	A large percentage of our patients are on compounding drugs either because their weight necessitates a smaller concentration than is available commercially, or because they cannot be medicated easily and therefore need a different formulation such as flavored chews or liquids.	1/9/2020 9:27 AM
38	Because our species are varied, can be small in weight, and have very complicated and individual needs for care, we absolutely depend on the ability to be creative, thoughtful and nimble with care. This necessitates being able to compound, and have compounded for us, medicines.	1/9/2020 9:26 AM
39	For dogs and cats under 10lbs there are often not commercially available liquid medications or when there are manufacturer backorders compounding pharmacies will often have the parent drug on hand	1/9/2020 8:07 AM
40	Often times, the sizes of commercially available products are not appropriate for the patient. While one dog may be able to take a 25 mug CAPSULE, a cat needs a 25 mg LIQUID. Our patients vary from a 2 pound kitten to a 150 pound mastiff. We need the flexibility to be able to treat accordingly. As the prescribing veterinarian, I should have control over those medications when appropriate.	1/9/2020 7:47 AM
41	Compounded medications are an absolute necessity with veterinary patients. There is no actual way that there will be a commercially-available FDA-approved product for everything needed by veterinarians. Compounded medications keep veterinary patients alive and increase quality of life on a daily basis.	1/9/2020 7:19 AM
42	Small animals need compounded medications or they will not have access to them. You can only divide a tablet so many times.	1/9/2020 1:15 AM
43	Compounded medications are vital to the treatment of animals. Minute but accurate dosages of drugs are needed for tiny dogs and cats. Because of the range of weights of animals-from a few pounds to a hundreds of pounds- drug companies are unable to supply dosage forms that fit our needs. It is extremely valuable to administer the exact dosage of a drug needed by having compounded capsules or suspensions. Compounded drugs provide palatable solutions or suspensions for animals that are difficult to medicate by pill. Also multiple medications that would have to be given individually but at the same time can be compounded together to make practical and easier to administer. Many medications are cost prohibitive if not for the compounded version. Many drugs that we use every day and are a necessity in the care of animals are no longer commercially available!!!	1/8/2020 6:02 PM
44	many products that we use in veterinary medicine have been taken off the market. animals quality of life has been greatly reduced due to these measures. due to the abuse of anabolic steroids we can no longer use winstrol in cats to give them a happy life . i cannot tell you how many lives i have prolonged from that drug and how sad i feel now when i know if i had it i could make a difference. this is what will happen if they take other compounds off the market. the human animal bond is disrupted. the fact that people rely on animals so heavily for emotional support is reason alone to continue many of these compounds. medication dose size for dogs and cats and exotics are quite different that for humans . without compounded drugs we can not treat some animals at all. The FDA is a wonderful regulatory body but they have no idea about prescribing meds for animals. they should come sit in a vet hosp for a day and learn what we do, our client patient relationships and how we treat the entire pet. i hope that veterinary medicine doesn't go the way that human medicine has. it would be a shame to loose the art of veterinary medicine.	1/8/2020 5:45 PM
45	Many patients are too small for commercially available products.	1/8/2020 5:28 PM
46	Most of the compounded medications that we prescribe are not available in any form. This is because of back orders or just not made anymore. The rest of compounds we order are of an unavailable form or flavoring.	1/8/2020 3:58 PM
47	I use compounded medications in most feline patients, otherwise they wouldn't receive sometimes life saving medications any other way. I rely on novel compounding processes with different drugs which I prescribe all of the time now.	1/8/2020 3:57 PM
48	Manufactured medication are not made to cover every size pet. We often need a compounding pharmacy to create the requested strength of the medication. This will ensure patient's are receiving the proper dose with ease. Not all medication are provided in alternate forms; primarily tablet, capsules, and a few liquids. Compounding pharmacies help to make	1/8/2020 3:48 PM

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administering medications much more fear free and often enjoyable for our pet patients by making them in a form the pet will accept. Moreover, often manufacturers run out of their medication, or are forced to halt production, as with Vetoryl (Trilostane). Our pets on this medication would have suffered greatly if it were not for our compounding pharmacy having the ability to create the necessary strengths of this medication.

49	I believe the access to compounded medications when needed is crucial especially for small breed dogs and cats where human formulations do not fit their needs.	1/8/2020 2:42 PM
50	It is crucial to have access to compounded medications to best serve our patients and clients from a cost and medication needed standpoint.	1/8/2020 1:38 PM
51	I script compounded medications on a daily basis to very small patients who could not receive the standard human doses due to their size. I also, frequently provide owners with scripts for compounded medications for the same reason, because size and dose do not allow my patients to safely receive the standard doses.	1/8/2020 1:32 PM
52	Crucial to animal welfare	1/8/2020 1:03 PM
53	often necessary medications are only available as compounded formulations. These medications are essential for the appropriate treatment of conditions and diseases of my patients.	1/8/2020 1:00 PM
54	Some pets need a size of medication that is not commercially available or needs liquid as opposed to pills	1/8/2020 1:00 PM
55	If it wasn't important, we wouldn't waste our time taking the additional steps.	1/8/2020 10:54 AM
56	As a veterinary neurologist, we rely on compounded medications to help treat seizures. This bill would significantly harm my patients by making medications cost prohibitive for most pet owners.	1/8/2020 10:38 AM
57	Giving Clients options of formulation of treatment and cost	1/8/2020 10:31 AM
58	We absolutely need compounded medications in veterinary medicine. We treat tea cup chihuahuas and great danes. There is no way for commercially available medications to always be ready with the correct dose. Also, in ophthalmology, compounded medications are essential as there are many that are not commercially available.	1/8/2020 8:43 AM
59	Often it is necessary to get appropriate dosing especially for small dogs and for cats. Price is sometimes a reason for the importance of compounded meds as well. Some clients would not be able to afford commercial pricing for some medications.	1/8/2020 7:16 AM
60	Many patients are too small to use standard tablet or capsule size. Not having access to compounded meds for small size patients will cripple our ability to treat a substantial subset of our patients.	1/7/2020 10:25 PM
61	We rely on topical compounded products since there are so few FDA approved otic medications available. It is essential access is available given the side effects and very few antibiotic classes available for topical use.	1/7/2020 1:54 PM
62	The compounded medications help with treatment of a ear infection to a 3 year old dog that needs Hydroxyurea maintain a health life, it allows us to treat the very small patients that need a much smaller dose of gabapentin for pain relief. Compounding allows us to me accurate when treating the patients need.	1/7/2020 12:14 PM
63	Some medications are only available in a form provided by compounders for the animal population that makes up my practice	1/7/2020 11:12 AM
64	The importance is multifactorial Ease of administration for clients. If owners are struggling to give pills a compounded liquid formula can help. The topical formulas can be life savers as well. The variable size of patients and thus lack of a one size fits all medication size makes compounded medication vital to veterinary medicine	1/7/2020 9:54 AM
65	Veterinarians are constantly being challenged when it comes to effective AND affordable medication our clients (and thus their pets) have access to. Not only are medications our clinic uses regularly often back-ordered (thanks to high demand and poor supply) now the FDA is trying to limit access to meds even more? The FDA has no business in determining what is right for the veterinary community... animals are not 4-legged humans! Another challenge for pet owners is administering medication to their pets and the compounding pharmacies provided	1/6/2020 3:54 PM

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an invaluable service by us veterinarians and pet owners by the ability to compound meds in flavored liquids or transdermal forms.

66	Some animals I treat are too small for standardized dosing and compounding medications is the only way I can treat them.	1/6/2020 2:51 PM
67	If my colleagues and I were NOT able to use compounded drugs in the manner we are now, our patients would greatly suffer. Please do not take away our ability to treat our patients the right way. How do we fulfill our oath to save lives and prevent the suffering with our hands handcuffed behind us?	1/6/2020 11:09 AM
68	With the wide variety in size among my patients, it is not uncommon for a pet to require a medication in a dose that is not commercially available (as many of the medications used in veterinary medicine are human medications dosed to the pet's size). There are also numerous situations in which an animal refuses an oral medication in the formulations commercially available. In these instances it is vital to get these medications compounded in either a different flavor or for use as a liquid (when only tablet/capsule are commercially available), or as a transdermal medication for feline use.	1/6/2020 10:42 AM
69	Some essential medications can be back-ordered for a long time and in these situations their can be no alternatives for animals on the market. In these situations it is very important to veterinarians to have compounded medications available.	1/6/2020 10:24 AM
70	We have many patients who need specialized dosing or are very difficult to medicate using standard preps. We are able to offer many of our patients options that otherwise would not be possible.	1/6/2020 10:11 AM
71	I use compounded medications on a daily basis for my patients and the availability of compounded medications is extremely important to veterinary medicine.	1/6/2020 9:11 AM
72	The size variance and age variance of the species we treat and the various species we treat make compounding medications essential to patient care. We must be able to treat diseases in which there is no FDA approved medication, thus compounded medications are essential for safe patient care.	1/6/2020 7:32 AM
73	As a laboratory animal veterinarian most of the animals that I work with are rodents, mainly mice and rats. Other species include ferrets, guinea pigs, shrews and aquatic species (fish, frogs). We are also treating animals often times on large scales requiring compounding for ease of rapid delivery to large colonies.	1/6/2020 6:22 AM
74	For NHPs, medications are compounded for palatibility and oral administration. Rodent medications to treat parasitic and bacterial diseases are compounded into their food. Additionally, antibiotics are compounded into feed and drinking water to manipulate endogenous or exogenous genes into an on or off position. This use is imperative to study genes in a non-lethal state.	1/5/2020 8:00 PM
75	As a Veterinarian, my patients might weigh 2 pounds up to 160 pounds. Many times standard preparations of medications just do not work..especially for the smaller animals. Without compounded medications, it would be impossible to accurately dose these pets. The compounded formulas are often more affordable in the case of the larger pets.	1/5/2020 4:50 PM
76	Die Compounded medications have allowed me to treat various species safely, effectively, and affordably. I live in a rural area and unfortunately price determines whether an animal lives or dies!!! It's a sad truth I live with everyday when dealing with my clients and patients. If you take away compounded medications or restrict my ability to treat these animals you will be effectively killing animals in rural areas. I need to be able to use drugs like buprenorphine sustained release on my patients as I do a lot of rural spays on feral and semi-feral cats. We have to live trap them just to spay them and 1 day of pain meds is NOT enough! If I don't have access to these drugs then I will NOT be able to reduce the population of cats on farms and in town.	1/5/2020 3:30 PM
77	We have many species to care for and they all have different medication needs. Often a medication is replaced in human medicine and it is not profitable for large pharmaceutical companies to produce the medications anymore.	1/5/2020 8:54 AM
78	Without the compounded medication it will make it extremely difficult to effectively treat our patients and meet our client's needs during times such as when non-compounded medications go on backorder- an issue that we encounter literally weekly.	1/5/2020 7:31 AM

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79	Without compounded medications we will be unable to treat some of our patients that otherwise we will be overdosing. Also we will not be able to acquire certain medications that would not be available in the market.	1/5/2020 12:10 AM
80	Due to the variance in dosages necessary to treat from the very small such as a hamster to the very large such as a Neopolitan Mastiff, attempting to provide safe/effective medications requires compounding on almost ALL classes of drugs utilized in veterinary medicine.	1/4/2020 7:24 PM
81	Often, there are not FDA label approved options for treatment available (widespread backorders) or a particular patient needs medication or mode of delivery tailored. Compounded medications are absolutely necessary.	1/4/2020 4:41 PM
82	Essential drugs are often on sudden back order!	1/4/2020 3:19 PM
83	Just to clarify, in my practice "When I believe they are necessary" means when a licensed drug is not available - not as a cost-cutting measure or to use an unapproved substance.	1/4/2020 2:54 PM
84	Compounded medications are especially important in cats that can be very difficult and and dangerous to treat with pills. Many of my clients use the transdermal gels to treat their cats so they don't get bitten. And there are medications that do not come in small enough concentrations to use for treating very small dogs and cats that have to be compounded to use.	1/4/2020 2:41 PM
85	Sometimes it is essential to be able to find a drug in a different form (liquid, chew treat) in order for clients to be able to administer those drugs.	1/4/2020 11:26 AM
86	I can't keep my own animals alive without these meds much less help clients pets	1/4/2020 7:21 AM
87	So many medications need to be available for animals to properly deliver accurate dosages. Especially to very small animals, those that are difficult to administer medications to. Limiting those options can be a very serious problem to many beloved pets.	1/3/2020 10:50 PM
88	Many people are unable to medicate their cats and small dogs with available formulations and need compounded versions of these medications so that their pet gets what they need.	1/3/2020 8:45 PM
89	Many times the only way to obtain the proper dosage or route of administration is only available through compounding pharmacies.	1/3/2020 6:53 PM
90	Everyday, we are prescribing compounded meds for small and/or difficult patients. Limiting access to compounded drugs would decrease the care we can provide our patients.	1/3/2020 5:38 PM
91	I rely on compounding as an essential mode of providing small doses, and for addressing issues where my patients refuse standard formats eg need to have a transdermal Route or a particular mid range dose unavailable otherwise. My patients would be without essential medications.	1/3/2020 3:45 PM
92	I use many, I can't imagine if my access to many was restricted	1/3/2020 3:40 PM
93	The current situation in the United States, with so many drugs on back order or taken off the market, due to unexplainable FDA issues, has put veterinarians in an untenable situation. We are unable to provide the best care possible for our patient without Pharmacies like Wedgewood. We are lacking more and more critical drugs to treat all range of medical conditions.	1/3/2020 1:31 PM
94	With some of our patients the only way we can administer an appropriate dose is by using a compounded product so that the concentration is appropriate or that the oral route of administration is possible.	1/3/2020 1:23 PM
95	There are many times we need to have a medication compounded into a liquid or transdermal form to be able to provide the treatment necessary in our patients- especially cats	1/3/2020 1:19 PM
96	As a shelter veterinarian the daily use of compounded medications is of great importance for disease treatment and routine care due to more precise, efficient and economical dosing. In turn this results in more adoptions and a healthier shelter overall.	1/3/2020 11:32 AM
97	Cats can be so difficult to give medications in pill form. Being able to have medications compounded into a liquid form is invaluable.	1/3/2020 11:30 AM
98	Drugs not available and dosages not available make compounding essential to our practice.	1/3/2020 11:24 AM
99	It is imperative to have access to compounded medications. There are many strengths that are not available in the commercial product. Additionally the form (liquid vs tablet) makes administration possible for some who would be otherwise unable to medicate their pets.	1/3/2020 10:36 AM

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100	I would be unable to do my job effectively without access to medications to treat my patients.	1/3/2020 10:33 AM
101	Based on our patient's sizes having the ability to have medications compounded is of paramount importance to us.	1/3/2020 10:13 AM
102	If I were NOT able to use compounded drugs in the manner I am now, my patients would greatly suffer. Some formulations such as liquid medications, Transdermals and flavored chews are the only way I can get pet and owner compliance in many of the drugs that I need to treat my patients successfully. Further, compounding allows me to prescribe drugs that Pharma companies are no longer making.	1/3/2020 10:03 AM
103	We utilize many compounded medications in emergency situations where a several day postponement of beginning therapy would be detrimental to our patients.	1/3/2020 10:01 AM
104	There have been multiple instances of drug shortages that made turning to a compounded product necessary particularly since these drugs are crucial to maintaining my patients' lives. It is totally unacceptable to be told by a pharmaceutical company to "not start new patients on _____ drug because there is a shortage" as if I can control when a patient needs that particular drug in a life or death situation.	1/3/2020 9:38 AM
105	We have many clients whose pets need compounded medications.	1/3/2020 8:09 AM
106	Compounded medications often provide a more affordable treatment option, or a better treatment option than what is commercially available.	1/3/2020 6:43 AM
107	We are open 24/7, and often need medications for very small (or very large) patients. We also see exotics and often need medications specifically compounded for them.	1/3/2020 4:57 AM
108	It helps with prescribing more precise dosages for smaller patients and pediatrics.	1/3/2020 4:00 AM
109	if you are from an agricultural state, you must understand that this is a very restrictive guide, In most paragraphs it states that the FDA does not intend to enforce, yet why is it proposed. And if they do enforce, it will cause great hardship. And is enforcement retroactive? Tiny Number of Drugs I understand the need for restrictions and enforcement with regard to food animals, and these exist currently. However for non-food animal medical care, a list of 7 drugs is far too short. Time to compound Further, some compounds take time to make that a pet or other non-food animal cannot afford. Waiting for delivery is already extending an emergency for many of these animals. When you have a bird medicine or exotic animal practice, waiting for compounding to be completed-per-order can make or break the practice. Waiting is a death sentence for so many pets. Stock and office stock compounded drugs are a godsend for such veterinary patients. If a vet can have a compounded drug delivered in hours or overnight, or can have a stock on hand, the chances of survival is greatly increased. Waste vs stock Also for those who compound for non-food animals, it is a great waste of ingredients to compound a quantity for a single 200g bird, and then be forced to discard the remainder. It's terrible business and horrible stewardship of the planet. If one bird is going to need it, 50 others will need it as well. To be forced to have a prescription before compounding the drug is a very expensive wasteful burden, all passed down to the client, who then will no longer be able to afford the drug in any form, which of course, makes the task financially unfeasible to the compounder. Most of these drugs are only feasible if they can be purchased in larger quantities then most veterinarians can afford, that's why compounding pharmacies exist. The legal obligation to have a patient-client-veterinarian-relationship (VPCR) for any prescription is a good and overarching law, this does nothing to improve on that law. Specific Intent of Guide vs public good This guidance has specific intent on the big pharma market "Are copies of a marketed FDA-approved, conditionally approved, or indexed drug. Compounding copies of such drugs presents a disincentive to submit a new animal drug application, an abbreviated new animal drug application for generic animal drugs, an application for conditional approval, or a request for indexing, further reducing the availability of legally marketed animal drugs." Need for compounded vs determination of "copy" However, many many many drugs on the market for human or food animal use, are NOT useful with other types of patients, they are too potent or not enough, or they can not be made palatable, or they are simply too hazardous (eg pH, additives, etc), and so must be modified or compounded de novo for such patients. So at what point is it a "copy" of a currently available drug? And how "available" is a drug in a form that still isn't on the market (but is indexed), and might never be available without a special order, or worse might never be available at a price that can be useful, or a form that can be useful, especially if it cannot be used for more than one patient, once in the appropriate form? This is terrible guidance. Future availability vs profit In a cynical eye, I can see this "guidance" being a channel through which big pharma finds what is being compounded, applies for such	1/3/2020 1:13 AM

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drugs/drug forms to be FDA approved, and thus takes those drugs away from compounding pharmacies and vets, with the intent of making and selling them themselves. But, then there is no real deadline for big pharma to make them, so they effectively disappear from the veterinary medical resource pool. Everytime an effective drug disappears from the pool because of "human litigation" it is a serious blow to veterinary care, chloramphenicol is one such drug. Due to the aplastic anemia in humans it virtually disappeared overnight yet it still is needed for certain pathologies and is not easy to get, and must be compounded properly to avoid human risk. It was a terrible time waiting for an equally effective drug or drug protocol to be developed and eventually come to market. What would have been a quick cure became helpless hoping. And the restriction of chloramphenicol was for good reason. Imagine a whole bundle of compounded drugs being taken out of the pool all at once, not because of a health risk, or a manufacturing shortage, or any reason other than a company claims they are a copy, and they want to reserve their ability to--someday in future--manufacture them in the compounded forms...if they find a large enough market for them...IF. Sometimes, I have problems getting a fairly "normal" human prescription from a human pharmacy in less than a week, simply because they don't carry it on hand. Ever try to get a specific eye ointment? Think how impossible it is to get something less common in a pediatric form that tastes good or can be tolerated digestively and does not contain hazardous additives, for a dog, or guinea pig, or bird, or sugar glider, or zoo patient, or wildlife rehab resident, or endangered species, or fish. Again, this is why compounding exists. Market reality vs future profit For a simpler thought process, one should think of veterinary compounded drugs more as "orphan drugs" than standard drugs. The demand is there, but the cost and availability is a challenge. The reason compounding pharmacies have a demand is because big pharma does NOT see a market with a big enough profit margin, as is. In order for there to be one, they are going to have to raise the price astronomically and raise the demand by artificial means to a monopoly (ie squeeze the compounders out of business). Big pharma has its place and they have enough profit. It's the same industry that wouldn't dream of trying to develop aspirin today because (despite everybody buying it today), they would have no interest in going through R&D&FDA for something that is so simple to make and so cheap to sell. They couldn't justify the price they want to charge. Thank goodness it's already on the market. Always watch what they do, not what they say. I've only just received this alert, and have not been able to read every paragraph or footnote in the proposed guidance, but just from what I have read thus far, this should not be accepted as is. I'm unsure why any veterinarian would, but the FDA is part of a current administration that is always working to increase profits of big business (and pharma), and cares very little about the public as a whole. This is judging from their actions and ignoring their public comments. We have pharmacy regulations and withdrawal dates that have been working well. Bulk ingredients need extra oversight, but NOT extra burden. They are in most cases that which makes it possible to treat thousands of animals each day in this country. Please look into this new proposed guidance draft and please do what you can to expand the list of "drugs" and decrease the burden of stock and office stock compounding. Please don't accept it as is. Please talk to the compounding pharmacies. Please talk to the veterinarians. Try to talk to the CVM veterinarians if you can find them, and be sure to consider the source when you do. Thank you for your time and effort in this.

110	I do exotics and there are no approved drugs and the animals are too small for dog and cat doses. It to mention getting a pill in a bird, reptile or rabbit is impossible. If we don't have access to professional compounded meds we will need to do in house with little quality control or standardization. If they are worried about the safety of animals in house compounding would lead to many more mistakes. Without access to liquid meds for exotics and transdermal meds for difficult patients many more animals will suffer.	1/2/2020 6:55 PM
111	I use them multiple times a day. Sometimes this is the only way to get meds into a pet.	1/2/2020 5:57 PM
112	This is integral in my daily life as a practicing veterinarian. I would not be able to appropriately treat my patients if I did not have access to compounded medications. The main benefit to the compounded medications is giving the appropriate dose to my patients. We also have to take into consideration ease of administration. Many feline patients would be euthanized if we did not have access to liquid or transdermal formulations.	1/2/2020 5:57 PM
113	As a veterinarian in a three doctor Practice, I, of course, use mostly commercially available prepared formulations of medications. As a mixed animal veterinarian which sees 1.5 pound Yorkie puppies to 240 pound Mastiffs, I know first hand that what is commercially available just doesn't always work for the patient or owner who has to administer it. We need as a profession to be able to prescribe and obtain formulations for our patients who don't fit within the 2 standard deviations of the mean without undo red tape from government. Keep the Vet-patient-owner relationship sacred so we can determine what is best for the individual situation. Please	1/2/2020 5:35 PM

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also do not restrict the number of drugs that would be available to us because human lives and research are dependent on a wide variety of things at our disposal. As different combinations of drugs are tried and used with success for animal diseases, the same combinations can be applied to human situations.

114	Some medications are not available in the appropriate dose size for some animals.	1/2/2020 5:26 PM
115	In some cases, it is the difference between treating and not treating a medical issue.	1/2/2020 4:58 PM
116	With the wide range of species that we care for, along with the wide range of body types and weights, it is imperative that we have access to compounded medications to ensure that we can accurately dose medications. Furthermore, animals are difficult to administer medications to. Compounded delivery methods make this easier for the animal to receive medications that are needed.	1/2/2020 4:47 PM
117	Extremely important in our animal shelter, we use compounded drugs every single day to medicate our population of shelter animals.	1/2/2020 4:40 PM
118	Compounding pharmacies provide medications which are not available through pharmaceutical companies and registered products.	1/2/2020 4:33 PM
119	I can only speak for small animals because I do not do farm animals. Compounded medications are staples of shelter medicine and anyone practicing needs to have these available at a moment's notice. In addition, there are many meds that need to be specially compounded for cats because that species is notoriously difficult to medicate.	1/2/2020 3:56 PM
120	It's important to be able to have medications made for a pet when you can't get it or the size you want	1/2/2020 3:55 PM
121	Our practice has a variety of different species of all sizes so it is very important to us to be able to have access to compounded medications.	1/2/2020 3:49 PM
122	Not only do I treat your typical species (i.e. dogs, cats, swine), I also work with exotic animal species for whom no medication is technically on-label and who often require very small doses and dosages of medications to be feasible for administration. This holds true for smaller dogs and cats that need a medication only available for humans, which is often too high of a dosage to me appropriate. Without compounded medications, a large number of my patients would not be able to receive the medical care that they so desperately need.	1/2/2020 2:57 PM
123	Compounded medications are very important for my practice since it is a rural practice. Many of my clients are not able to travel to large cities to have their prescriptions filled. If I do not have access to trusted pharmacies like Wedgwood, my clients will just mail order what they think is the correct item and take chances that it will work.	1/2/2020 2:37 PM
124	Compounded medication is an essential component to providing necessary medical treatment in veterinary medicine. Since the size of our patients varies widely, compounding is sometimes necessary just to achieve the proper dose. Also, veterinary patients are sometimes very challenging to administer medications to: as a result, compounded medications can be made in a form that is not commercially available but is accepted by the animal thus allowing life saving drugs to be given.	1/2/2020 2:16 PM
125	also when products are on lengthy manufacture back order	1/2/2020 2:12 PM
126	Without compounded medications we wouldn't be able to provide our patients with the highest quality of care, which is what we strive for.	1/2/2020 2:10 PM
127	Without compounded medications our patients may receive too little or too much of a certain drug which renders their treatments ineffective!	1/2/2020 2:05 PM
128	Die We have treated a number of patients who would have died without the access to compound medications that we have now. We are not treating humans but laws are being made as if we are. Many medications are not available in the strengths that we require so must be compounded.	1/2/2020 1:58 PM
129	Pets vary in size so much many of the standard preparations are just not adjustable for us to use.	1/2/2020 1:39 PM
130	Compounded medications are vital to the ability for veterinarians to treat their patients. Many medications are not commercially available in small enough or palatable enough forms. Medications do us no good if our clients cannot get them into their pets.	1/2/2020 1:35 PM

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131	It's very helpful to have access to compounded medications especially when you have to medicate small animals.	1/2/2020 1:31 PM
132	Some of our patients are very small and will have limited or no access without compounding. Additionally, compounding allow use of smaller/to effect dosing while minimizing drug exposure. We already are challenged in the opioid arena by new restrictions and if we can not obtain compounded Schedule 3-4 drugs this will tremendously negatively impact patient care and pain management.	1/2/2020 1:30 PM
133	As a veterinarian who sees a lot of exotic patients, compounded medications are CRITICAL to being able to treat them effectively. Not having access to such medications would seriously affect my ability to help these pets, not to mention the dogs & cats who often benefit just as greatly!	1/2/2020 1:22 PM
134	Certain medications that are used regularly in my line of work are not otherwise readily available in an fda approved product.	1/2/2020 1:22 PM
135	Having access to compounded medications is lifesaving to many animals that would have shortened longevity without them. This helps me to provide best care available to my patients and clients.	1/2/2020 1:19 PM
136	Die Some patients wood suffer, or even die, if they weren't available.	1/2/2020 1:18 PM
137	Example: tripelethamine HAS an AMDUCA # BUT is NOT currently available	1/2/2020 1:17 PM
138	I treat a variety of non-domestic species that range in size from 30g to 300kg, this requires an extensive range of dosages which often cannot be achieved utilizing currently manufactured drugs. Compounding allows me to acquire formulations of drugs in volumes that can be successfully administered.	1/2/2020 1:11 PM
139	Most commercially available drug doses correspond to a 40 pound dogs or 10 pound cats. Some, but not many, are commercially available in liquid form and some tablet or capsule formulations have effective alternative choices. Compounding is important to - more closely match smaller weight patients to recommended treatment doses - conversely, provide more convenient tablets for large dogs that would need multiple pills at each dose - provide more convenient medication forms (e.g., flavored chews) for clients unable to medicate with commercially available formulations - allow compounding of liquids vs ointments and creams for ophthalmic preparations to reduce wasted drug and potential for further ocular injuries	1/2/2020 1:10 PM
140	Many medications need to be dosed for smaller patients for which compounding has become a great resource. Also, our patients health depends on certain medications that we've been finding unavailable more and more. Compounding is an option when other resources are dry.	1/2/2020 1:05 PM
141	It is very important due to lack of adequate FDA approved products out there for use in horses and the fact FDA approved products are always on long term back orders leaving us without proper ability to treat horses if it wasn't for compounding pharmacies. Removing this access to compounded products will the ability of veterinarians to treat animals.	1/2/2020 12:50 PM
142	Compounded medications are crucial to our ability to treat our patients, and we need prompt access in cases of life threatening conditions.	1/2/2020 12:28 PM
143	Having access to compounded medications is a must for the vet world.	1/2/2020 12:16 PM
144	Dosage forms are critical for the ability to administer medication to animals.	1/2/2020 12:04 PM
145	Many of the prescriptions we use are not available commercially at all, or not in a dosage from appropriate for our patients, so compounding is required.	1/2/2020 12:01 PM
146	Not every pet is the same and we need the option available to us to be able to cater dosing to the need of the patient.	1/2/2020 11:56 AM
147	Gives the Veterinarian's the proper way to treat each patient correctly, by using the write compound drugs. Also, clients to help ease the way they give medicine to there family members.	1/2/2020 11:52 AM
148	It is vital to have a variety of compounding options available for some patients who are difficult to medicate or have multiple conditions.	1/2/2020 11:48 AM
149	often the products commercially available are in a form the client cannot use, the commercial	1/2/2020 11:39 AM

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products are on backorder, or the commercial products are unpalatable and pets fight their owners administering the drugs.

150	I treat numerous exotic species where there are no drugs available in an appropriate strength or format. Even the routine dog and cat patients often need drugs compounded into a strength or dosing format that is unavailable in the standard drugs. Many patients would not be treatable if compounding were more severely restricted. This would lead to animal suffering as well as harm to the success of my veterinary hospital.	1/2/2020 11:37 AM
151	We see exotic pets and the size of these patients makes having available compounded medications extremely important. There is no way to get the dosage accurate otherwise	1/2/2020 11:33 AM
152	As a board certified specialist who uses compounded medications every day, they are critical to achieving proper medical care for my patients. Approximately 25% of my commonly used ophthalmics are compounded and ARE NOT available in the human pharmacy markets. Veterinary patients are at great risk for serious HARM and fewer medical treatment options if our ability to prescribed and dispense compounded medications is altered.	1/2/2020 11:26 AM
153	Many drugs we use are not available in the strength or formulation needed for veterinary clients. Forcing pills down a reluctant animal's mouth can be dangerous to staff and risk the patient's health if they refuse the medication.	1/2/2020 11:23 AM
154	It is imperative to our practice to have access to compounded medications as needed in a timely fashion.	1/2/2020 11:22 AM
155	Limited access to compounding medications will severely impact the patients that can not be given commercial forms of their medications. We often need medications to be in a liquid or flavored chew in order for pet owners to be able to administer their pets medications.	1/2/2020 11:20 AM
156	We are a specialty and referral practice only. Many of the strengths of medications that we use are only available via compounding.	1/2/2020 11:14 AM
157	Compounded medications are essential for pet therapy! Some won't tolerate oral medications and need topicals, some won't allow owners to pill them and need something flavored. Not every company produces all the variant medications we need to treat pets.	1/2/2020 11:13 AM
158	We have patients that are super tiny who cannot take the commercially available medication strengths/sizes; this would eliminate the possibility of some of our patients getting the best care.	1/2/2020 11:12 AM
159	With the variability in both species and size of animals that we treat, we could not accurately dose many medications in our patients without compounding as an option.	1/2/2020 9:30 AM
160	This is extremely important in our practice. About 80% of our feline patients who are on long-term medications have it compounded into a liquid or trans-dermal formulation that is not traditionally available. Being able to get these medications in different formulations help with the compliance of our owners giving crucial medications without harming the human-animal bond that they have. Without these medications, we fear that a large amount of our patients would not get critical medications due to not being able to give it because of the formulation or because the cost for the medication is too much for the owner.	1/2/2020 8:22 AM
161	The patients need them, it is not like people who can understand things.	1/2/2020 8:08 AM
162	I prescribe transdermal compounded medications several times a day to cats, who often are much more difficult to give oral medications than dogs. Not to mention long-term medications. Taking away our ability to use compounded medications would severely limit our ability to properly medicate and treat our patients.	1/2/2020 5:30 AM
163	Dosing if smaller animals, or even hard to pull/ aggressive animals means the need for compounded medications	12/31/2019 10:59 PM
164	I practice exotic pet medicine and compounded medications are paramount to providing medications in forms and strengths appropriate for very small species or in forms for pets that are otherwise difficult or impossible to administer medical therapy with standard commercially available products.	12/31/2019 12:49 PM
165	Having patients that range vastly in weight, species, and behavior, most drugs are already used in an off-label manner.	12/31/2019 8:17 AM
166	Compounded medications are often critical with manufacturer back orders or discontinued products, pets with behavioral issues, or even clients with dexterity issues.	12/30/2019 5:37 PM

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167	Compounded medications are vital when dealing with some species. Some patients, due to size and/or temperament require higher dosage concentrations of medication in order to facilitate a small volume being administered.	12/30/2019 3:30 PM
168	Compounding allows for more specific & accurate dosing, in some cases. Compounding often allows our patients to continue receiving medications if a manufactured drug goes on back order or has a supply issue, allowing the veterinarian continuity of care with their patients. Compounding may on occasion offer the veterinarian a more palatable form of a drug, if flavoring is implemented in the compounding.	12/30/2019 2:26 PM
169	Compounded medications come in doses that are easier to administer for lighter weighted patients when larger doses cannot be altered (halved or quartered) small enough for lighter weight patients. Compounded medications also provide easier routes of administration for patients whom are difficult to administer medications for when the patient is resistant to certain routes of administration that put their owners in harms way (ie trying to shove an oral pill down the throat a fractious cat).	12/30/2019 12:56 PM
170	I work exclusively with exotic/aquatic/wildlife species and use compounded medications routinely to treat these unique animals, and would be unable to do so effectively without ready/immediate access to these types of medications.	12/30/2019 11:42 AM
171	Many of my patients are the wrong size for a commercially available medication and I need to have many medications available in a form that I can appropriately dose for my varied sizes of patients. Also, many of my patients either refuse to take medication in commercially available forms or my owners struggle with how to get medication into their pets. Sharp teeth and claws do not help when trying to medicated my patients.	12/30/2019 9:22 AM
172	Without compounded medications a lot of animals, especially the smaller ones who are in between weight classes, would be very difficult to dose appropriately.	12/30/2019 7:40 AM
173	there are products that are no longer available or on extended back order in trade brands. how does a veterinarian help the pets we were sworn to help without them? compounded drugs that need to be available not just on a per client basis but also in stock in the clinic.	12/30/2019 7:40 AM
174	Because of the various sizes of our patients, we rely very heavily on compounding medications to down size "regular" size medications to fit the weight calculations for them.	12/30/2019 6:43 AM
175	There are times when a compounded drug is the only thing that will work for the patient. I remember a case in vet school for a little mare that had a staph infection resistant to all of the common antibiotics and she had to have a compounded medication to save her. It may not happen very often, but when you need it, you need it.	12/29/2019 8:53 PM
176	Compounded medicines have been vitally important in this age of repeat shortages of opioids and back orders of other meds.	12/29/2019 4:16 PM
177	Due to back orders, dosing limitations and difficulty in medicating animals, compounding is essential	12/29/2019 10:35 AM
178	1. Veterinary drugs are weight based and to have the option to have medications formulated so dosing (mainly for small animals) can be achieved is extremely important. 2. Increasingly the industry is experiencing "indefinite backorders". Compounding allows access to common medications that may be unavailable.	12/29/2019 8:09 AM
179	Without compounded medications many of our patients will go without medications that are beneficial for them. Not all creatures are human sized, so we must compound medications to dose them appropriately.	12/29/2019 6:17 AM
180	Many of our feline patients are difficult for owners to administer pills to. These cats would not receive needed medications without compounding into liquid, dissolving tablet or transdermal form. For our small dog patients less than 10 lbs, we may need to compound a human drug (where an FDA veterinary form is not available) when the dose is less than 1/4 tablet. The only accurate way to dose a medication at less than 1/4 tablet is to have it compounded.	12/28/2019 6:02 PM
181	My clients rely on compounded medications in order to be able to comply with medication needs of their pets. Some pets absolutely require medications for survival.	12/28/2019 1:41 PM
182	Die without them patients will die needlessly, need I say more.	12/28/2019 1:27 PM
183	Custom dosages and being able to have medications formulated in different forms (liquid vs	12/28/2019 12:40 PM

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pills) is imperative for owner compliance giving medications.

184	As a full time shelter veterinarian, it is critical that we are able to use a wide variety of medications in a large dosing range, in forms that are not difficult for staff to administer, and in as economical a manner as possible.	12/28/2019 11:58 AM
185	Feline exclusive practice dictates that our patients predominantly have medications compounded either due to the small dose requirement, very tight therapeutic safety indices, and, especially, palatability issues. There is no other way to offer our patients ethical choices other than to have a full range of compounded medication choices available to us, our patients and their owners.	12/28/2019 11:04 AM
186	We see lots of birds, pocket pets and reptiles. With out compounded medication we would not be able to treat them.	12/28/2019 8:29 AM
187	Animals are very different from humans in size and in the way they metabolize medications, we need to have access to compounding pharmacies so we may meet our patients' needs.	12/28/2019 7:01 AM
188	Many feline patients would not receive treatment without the availability of transdermal gel options.	12/28/2019 6:40 AM
189	We need options not only for active ingredients unavailable or cost prohibitive, we need the freedom to prescribe non-traditional methods of delivery.	12/28/2019 6:07 AM
190	We treat cats and exotics. Having access to a large number of compounded medications allows us to be able to provide medications for our patients that their owners can administer.	12/27/2019 6:37 PM
191	Compounded drugs are essential to our practice. Small animals often need doses smaller than what is available in pill or capsule form.	12/27/2019 5:55 PM
192	we use compounded formulations for a variety of medications that either do not come in the right size for the species or in a formulation we can get into the animal	12/27/2019 4:52 PM
193	We can not practice top quality medicine without compounds.	12/27/2019 4:43 PM
194	Compounded medications are necessary to provide many of our patients with life saving medications in dosing or formulations that they can receive safely. There are not option for many of our small patients or picky cats to be treated if compounders could not provide they services we currently receive from them.	12/27/2019 3:50 PM
195	we have clients that have animals that require a drug that is very expensive from the major drug manufacturers, for treating EPM in horses is an example. Many clients cannot afford the brand name drug and the animal won't get treated. We have had as good or better results treating with compounded substitutes and the owners can afford it.	12/27/2019 3:49 PM
196	There are times when a compounded preparation is the only drug choice due to size of pet,nature of illness and resistant infections	12/27/2019 3:36 PM
197	I work in a research setting and the ability to get compounded meds for lab animals is CRITICAL !	12/27/2019 11:51 AM
198	When treating exotic or non-traditional species, compounded medications are sometimes the only option.	12/27/2019 11:42 AM
199	Many of the medications that are used for pets are not available in doses small enough for them, or in formulations that are able to be administered to them. We rely on compounding to make these medications safe and available to our patients.	12/27/2019 11:18 AM
200	Some commercial medicine is not able to be dosed down or dosed high enough for certain size animals and some medicines are not commercially available.	12/27/2019 11:14 AM
201	With small dogs, cats, and the many exotic pets our practice sees, it is very important to be able to access compounded medications that are made to the specific strength these small patients need. Also with cats, some are so hard for their owners to give medication to, that having the variety of compounding options such as tiny tabs, suspensions, transdermals, etc, we can help the owners get a product that is feasible for them to administer.	12/27/2019 10:14 AM
202	Sometimes the correct dosage is not available and being able to have the correct dose compounded so that we know the patient is getting what they need. Also the flavoring is	12/27/2019 9:40 AM

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important when we can make giving the medication easier for the owner they are more likely to give it which helps the patient.

203	Often times transdermal gels, liquids or a different strength tablet is very necessary for our animal patients.	12/27/2019 8:58 AM
204	Many medications we use are for humans, and the veterinary doses vary significantly from human doses. It can be impossible to use those medications in our patients without compounding them. Additionally, the number of unavailable medications has skyrocketed. Compounding is our only way to get some of them. We also have to be creative with our dosing formulations - for example with otic ointments.	12/27/2019 8:56 AM
205	It's important because there may not be any other choice. There may be availability problems with drugs or sometimes we need a drug in a dosage that is not available. Patient size varies greatly and if you are trying to treat a 2 pound dog for heart disease, commercially available drugs are not available.	12/27/2019 8:28 AM
206	So many drugs are on backorder anymore and we need alternatives in order to treat our patients. Get the drugs off backorder and allow us to use compounded meds that may not be available or are too costly .	12/27/2019 8:12 AM
207	Some medications do not come in appropriate sizes for a patient, therefore the correct dosage is not administered.	12/27/2019 7:13 AM
208	The loss of compounded medications would jeopardize the treatment of numerous infectious diseases. This loss will impact the health and lives of pets, people and livestock. Please do not stop the compounding of so many medications that are not available from other sources!	12/27/2019 6:42 AM
209	Compounded medications enable me to treat patients that would be untreatable with commercially available formulations. Some of the compounded medications that I treat patients with cannot be prepared from the commercially available products as the additional ingredients, such as the inactive ingredients that form the tablet, would interfere with preparation or absorption of the active ingredients	12/27/2019 6:14 AM
210	Cats are especially difficult to medicate. Owner's rely on being able to get the medication in different forms to increase the likelihood that pet will take medication.	12/26/2019 11:11 PM
211	There is a definite NEED for compounded medications in veterinary medicine. Reducing the dosage of what's commercially available for humans to a reasonable dose for small cats and dogs, there is a need for transdermal gels for owners who are unable to medicate their pets with oral meds, some compounded medications are not available commercially, compounded meds can be flavored to help with palatability and improve owner compliance, etc	12/26/2019 8:44 PM
212	Especially for cats.	12/26/2019 6:22 PM
213	We treat small animals (dogs and cats) and exotic pets such as birds, hamsters and other pocket pets as well as reptiles. We compound medications every day for animals that weigh 20 grams to 5 pounds. We would not be able to treat these animals at all if we could not compound medications to fit their small weights. In addition, many of these pets would never be able to take medication unless it were put into a special formulation such as a flavored liquid or a transdermal medication. None of these things are commercially available. The Compounding pharmacies (and our ability to compound ourselves in clinic) is vital to treat these types of patients.	12/26/2019 4:57 PM
214	There are many medications that we can not otherwise access for animals without compounding. Drugs like Apomorphine- which is literally life saving in an veterinary ER, multiple times a day! We also utilize long acting/delayed release animal specific otic medications through compounding. These are essential for patients that are difficult to treat at home. It is essential for smaller dosing for birds and cat, it just is not possible to safely and reliably sub human meds for these tiny doses.	12/26/2019 4:00 PM
215	Sometimes, due to shortages or lack of available medications, compounded medications are a necessity for the health of animals.	12/26/2019 3:48 PM
216	We couldn't treat many, many animals without compounded options - either they are too small to break up larger tablets or the owners find it impossible to get their pets to take medications in pill form.	12/26/2019 3:35 PM
217	Due to variations in size and difficulty in medicating compounded medications are extremely	12/26/2019 3:31 PM

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	important for compliance in treatment of many animals	
218	Compounded medications in veterinary medicine are very important in the treatment of medical conditions	12/26/2019 3:10 PM
219	Treat many patients with human drugs that do not come in small enough dosage form to use in small animals	12/26/2019 2:55 PM
220	Many pets are difficult to medicate, and compounding meds into a form that is more acceptable to the pet, means that they will get their needed medication.	12/26/2019 1:49 PM
221	Large pharmaceutical companies run monopoly on many needed drugs. When you are treating a \$1200 lb horse, the drugs are often cost prohibitive to owner. I believe I have more selection on which drugs can better treat my patients. Many times , I need a drug and my regular pharmacy says it is on indefinite back order. We need compounding pharmacies to give us the correct drugs for treatment and anesthesia.	12/26/2019 1:03 PM
222	As a board-certified internist, I use compounded medications all the time. Sometimes for inpatients, sometimes for outpatients who need unique formulations or flavorings, and sometimes when compounded meds are the only way a client can afford a particular drug.	12/26/2019 1:01 PM
223	We prescribe sterile compounded eye medications on a daily basis, multiple times a day. It would not only hurt all 50 of our locations but also hurt 10s of thousands of our patients to not be able to get access to these medications.	12/26/2019 12:58 PM
224	We have multiple patients who rely on certain compounded medications due to resistance or individual need for more than one medication.	12/26/2019 11:39 AM
225	Many clients have issues giving medications, so having different forms available make compliance much better and improves clinical outcomes. I use compounded medications at least every week for patients. Sometimes there is not even a commercially available product in the right strength. In other cases there is no commercial product any more like DES and cisapride, both with I use in practice. There are also time where there have been back orders on medically necessary medication like pimobendan. Causing price to increase very significantly will lead to significant patient suffering as they will no longer be affordable.	12/26/2019 11:01 AM
226	Pets are not unlike humans when it comes to the need to have access to different formulas of the same medication. In many cases, it is impossible to medicate a pet because you can not simply ask them to please take the medication, or offer them a sucker. We need access to medications that can be compounded for each individual need, should it be a medication that tastes like beef, or a medication that is absorbs through the ears. Veterinary practices are already being strangled by the hundreds of back ordered products that are no longer available to pets, but are available to humans. Please remember that pets can actually help increase the health of humans, and therefor, by making medications more available to the veterinary world, you are also helping the human medicine world.	12/26/2019 10:56 AM
227	We use multiple compounded prescriptions at our clinic. Just some of the reasons are: 1. We do not need the large amount we can get through distributors...large amounts are too expensive or will expire before we go through. 2. We see exotics and the concentration available through distributors do not allow us to give the correct dose. 3. The drug is not available in a suspension form through distributors.	12/26/2019 10:39 AM
228	1. Today's supply of commercial drugs, especially ophthalmics, is erratic at best where we can not reliably count on being to obtain these commonly used medications through our regular suppliers. Compounded meds at least give us an option to access these medications. 2. Many commercially available drugs are not palatable, especially for cats, and flavoring agents help our owners successfully treat tough patients. 3. Many commercially available drugs come in forms (tablets, capsules) that cannot be given to some cats and dogs. Being able to compound those medications as transdermal cremes or oral liquids is invaluable. 4. Many commercially available drugs come only in doses that are much to strong for small animals. We need access to dosages that are appropriate for very small animals. 5. There are not commercial formulations of some poison treatments and these must be compounded.	12/26/2019 8:10 AM
229	With so many backorders and some small animals needing different doses than what's out there compounds are needed in a small animal practice.	12/26/2019 7:50 AM
230	We treat minor species and cannot medicate them without compounded medications in most cases.	12/26/2019 6:26 AM

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231	Many of our patients are too small to be able to dose the commercially available products appropriately for them. Many are also uncooperative and do better with a different formulation - flavored liquid, tiny tab, etc than the commercially available products.	12/25/2019 6:00 PM
232	With the limited availability of prescription products currently due to manufacturing shortages and regulations, we rely heavily on compounded medications to treat disease and alleviate pain and suffering in our patients.	12/25/2019 11:54 AM
233	This is sometimes about cost but also the ability to administer the medication. There are many owners that absolutely cannot safely give meds without a compounded option.	12/25/2019 11:06 AM
234	For many animals this is the only thing we can use. Some animals - dogs/cats are so small it's needed for proper dosing.	12/25/2019 7:23 AM
235	Some medication is outrageously expensive, and having it compounded makes it affordable for clients. Not only this, but having some medicines compounded makes dosing easier, which in turn makes compliance, and overall health of the patient increase.	12/24/2019 7:12 PM
236	I rely on compounded medications for correct dosing and for palatability for certain patient groups, such as cats and toy breed dogs. Without access to affordable compounded medications, successful treatment of these patients would be impossible.	12/24/2019 6:13 PM
237	Many medication are not available or too expensive so compounding pharmacies help us a lot	12/24/2019 2:55 PM
238	dealing exclusively with exotics almost all of our drug use is off label. It is often necessary to have access to much higher concentration, more palatable or rarely used drugs than are commercially available. therefor needing individual compounding.	12/24/2019 1:33 PM
239	The wide range of size and weight of our veterinary patients can make proper dosing very difficult. In addition many of our patients are difficult to treat unless medications are compounded into flavored form. Without access to compounding I feel that many of our patients will suffer from a lack of the ability to treat effectively.	12/24/2019 1:23 PM
240	smaller dosing for smaller patients, ease of dosing with alternative forms, some medications exceedingly expensive and cost prohibitive when not compounded	12/24/2019 12:19 PM
241	For many animals, especially exotic species, special formulations are the only practical and effective solution.	12/24/2019 11:47 AM
242	If we are dealing with exotic animals or very small patients or the owner needs a different vehicle in which to medicate the pet, ie. a liquid instead of a pill.	12/24/2019 11:25 AM
243	It allows more accurate dose for medications that could potentially have significant side effects.	12/24/2019 10:26 AM
244	We have tiny pets, and pets that can't or won't take pills, necessitating novel dosages and delivery methods	12/24/2019 10:13 AM
245	As an ophthalmologist, compounded medications are a necessity because, in addition to being extremely cost-prohibitive, many commercially available medications are not sufficient in treating ocular disease in animals. For two quick examples: (1) it is nearly impossible to give a drop to a horse, so often, medications are compounded in an ointment form, and (2) numerous clinical studies demonstrate that the available formulations of drugs to treat dry in humans is insufficient to treat the much more severe form in dogs.	12/24/2019 10:02 AM
246	We would be severely limited without access to certain compounded medications.	12/24/2019 8:55 AM
247	Feline only practice. We need access to compounded medications, not just in our practice but for our clients as well. We have many patients who cannot or will not accept a pill form of medications and need alternatives. It would be devastating not only to our practice but to our clients and the health of their felines as well.	12/24/2019 8:51 AM
248	numerous products are deleted by the large drug companies because the profit is too small. these are still good drugs but make less money than the company desires.They care less about the patients ,but are more interested in money.....	12/24/2019 7:35 AM
249	These medications can be lifesaving.	12/24/2019 7:06 AM
250	I prescribe compounded medications to my patients pretty much daily.	12/24/2019 6:52 AM
251	Have had to use compounded medications for so many different reasons and some very critical. When a drug companies product is on back order, it is vital that we have an alternative	12/24/2019 6:37 AM

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on hand for the good of our pets. Also, some clients are not able to give their pets tablets so they turn to the compound pharmacies for liquids and trans-dermal pens

252	I work at an emergency and specialty hospital. If we can't provide the medications our patients need, readily and affordable, are we really doing anything for Them. Veterinary medicine is already expensive enough, why add extra stress to clients and potentially put the patients we do it all for at risk of not receiving the proper medications in a timely and affordable fashion.	12/24/2019 6:33 AM
253	In animal medicine compounded medications are of great importance to allow for specific doses and also to allow for special flavoring to facilitate medicating patients	12/24/2019 5:59 AM
254	small dogs and cats using human medication that is not available for them. Extremely important.	12/24/2019 5:23 AM
255	Compounded medications allow us to treat small patients for whom no accurate dose of industry-produced medication is available. This is especially important for those pets with cardiac issues.	12/24/2019 5:20 AM
256	Our patients are frequently in need of medications that are not available in a size or strength to fit them. We need access to compounded medications on a daily basis to be able to practice medicine safely and effectively for our patients.	12/24/2019 4:50 AM
257	I have several patients that are unable to take medications in their currernt form or are in need of a different strength of medication.	12/24/2019 1:58 AM
258	My patients both need and require compounded medications on a weekly basis.	12/23/2019 11:31 PM
259	Compounded medications can be the choice between euthanasia and surviving during a medical crisis.	12/23/2019 11:25 PM
260	As a cat vet, access to compounded medications is essential for finding more palatable drugs and forms that are easier for owners to administer.	12/23/2019 10:16 PM
261	In shelter medicine, having quick, simple access to compounded medications is essential to insuring the health and welfare of the hundreds of animals I care for daily.	12/23/2019 9:30 PM
262	In small animal practice with an emphasis on avian and exotic pets, we could not practice at an acceptable level of patient care without the assistance of compounding pharmacies	12/23/2019 7:41 PM
263	There are so many specific needs for many animals and many animal species that would not be possible to be treated without the option of compounding. In the veterinary field, compounding is an absolute must!	12/23/2019 7:35 PM
264	It would not be possible to adequately care for pets without compounded medications. Anyone who has had to medicate their dog or cat at home understands that giving two pills twice a day is at least 4 times as hard as giving one. Veterinarians cannot heal pets who do not get their medications because there are 'too many' to give. We need compounded medications!	12/23/2019 7:26 PM
265	With back orders of major injectable NSAIDs, we've had to get it compounded or the pets go without. Compounding is also important treating coccidia as there are no FDA labeled drugs. Lastly it is common for commercially available strengths to be wildly inappropriate (both high and low) or contain xylitol which is toxic to pets.	12/23/2019 7:24 PM
266	The only way we can treat veterinary patients is compounded medications, due to the huge variety of sizes and the limited dose sizes for most medications.	12/23/2019 7:11 PM
267	It is critically important for veterinarians to have access to all necessary drugs in compounded form due to our range of patient sizes! It is ridiculous to limit our ability to practice medicine by limiting our access to necessary medications!	12/23/2019 6:53 PM
268	I need to have medications compounded almost daily, either because there is a need for a treatment that is not available in appropriate sizes for my patients or not in a formula that the owner can get in them (i.e. available only in a tablet but owner cannot pill the animal)	12/23/2019 6:50 PM
269	They are an absolute necessity for animals in my practice!! The very small, the very large, the species for which there are few approved drugs will all suffer without compounded products. Why are we being forced to possibly give up these life-saving and suffering-reducing medications??? As a veterinarian. I take the responsibility for prescribing these medications and I am educated enough and my pharmacies are competent to make them safe and effective. Don't keep me from practicing the best medicine that I can!!!	12/23/2019 6:34 PM

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270	There are some animals that can't be medicated if compounded options are not available.	12/23/2019 6:29 PM
271	Most of our patients need medication compounded into a small dosages since they are little. Also some medications are administered better as a suspension, transdermal, or an convenient mini melt	12/23/2019 6:05 PM
272	Some medications such as theophylline, do not have a substitute that I am aware of that is commercially available. When certain drugs are back ordered, compounding is the only option. ie compounded atropine injectable for use in pets as part of anesthetic protocol.	12/23/2019 6:02 PM
273	I am a shelter veterinarian and would not be able to adequately treat the animals in my care without specific compounded medications due to taste, formulation, or cost.	12/23/2019 5:19 PM
274	I treat a lot of patients who are too small for the commercially available regular drug sizes and require compounded medicines to properly and safely dose them. Also, a lot of cats require compounded liquid or topical medications and won't take pills.	12/23/2019 4:58 PM
275	The pharmaceutical companies keep having product backorders including for a heart medication, and unavailability puts the animals life at risk.	12/23/2019 4:51 PM
276	Many of the compounded medications I use are not available in a form that I could use in animals otherwise. My ability to treat animals would be seriously impacted without the access to compounded medications.	12/23/2019 4:36 PM
277	for many of my patients compounded medications are the only options to treat their conditions and would not improve without them!	12/23/2019 4:23 PM
278	Non human animals may have special needs when it comes to drug delivery or treatments. Compounded medications are the way in which veterinarians have access to provide and enable viable treatments for these patients	12/23/2019 4:07 PM
279	This provides life extending medication at appropriate dosage strength and formulas.	12/23/2019 3:43 PM
280	It is impossible to treat most cats responsibly and completely without access to compounded therapeutic drugs, as they can be fractious and they are small which makes routine means of dosage unrealistic. We, as a profession, have little to no third party payments to ease the financial burden on the client. Properly compounded medication at a competitive price for veterinarians is a priority. It will cost less to all affected, as long as we have access just as it is now.	12/23/2019 3:42 PM
281	It is important to dose medications in the most effective way with accurate prescription doses. Being able to minimize the stress of owners and their pets by compounding medications can make the difference in whether an owner will be able to comply with directions.	12/23/2019 3:35 PM
282	Many drugs do not come in sizes or forms that are compatible with pets sizes. Many owners have trouble with medicating, especially cats. Alternate forms are the only way some pets can receive medications.	12/23/2019 3:33 PM
283	Having compounded drugs available for our furry patients is so vitally important. So many life saving drugs are compounded to make it easy to administer.	12/23/2019 3:06 PM
284	Compounded medications are vital to our practice, be it specific sizes and dosing, ease of administration for our clients, or general availability of backordered medications.	12/23/2019 3:06 PM
285	Many medications are made in much too large of a dose for our smaller dogs and cats. Without compounding medications, a large portion of our patients would go without treatment for ailments such as chronic kidney disease, irritable bowel disease, and even cancers like lymphoma.	12/23/2019 2:53 PM
286	Given the wide range of sizes of my patients sometimes the only way I can accurately and safely medicate my patients is to use compounded drugs.	12/23/2019 2:29 PM
287	We frequently use compounded medication for multiple reasons and this being restricted can and will be detrimental to our patients and clients.	12/23/2019 2:16 PM
288	I work on horses. There are many therapeutics that are not approved for horses but still vital to their health and wellbeing. Removing the ability to get these medications in appropriate forms and doses for the horse could cause grave problems. While I understand we don't want some of these medications in the food supply, I should remind you that horses are not food animals. AND, of course, it is already illegal to use prohibited substances in food animals.	12/23/2019 2:15 PM

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289	I work in the zoo field, most standard drug sizes do not work for my patients.	12/23/2019 2:12 PM
290	Client compliance is huge. If the hospital didnt carry the compounded size for the client to take him the likelihood of them going to purchase it is minimal.	12/23/2019 2:05 PM
291	We will not be able to practice appropriately without them!!!! This will be a huge detriment to our veterinary patients. On the research side, this will HALT critical ongoing research studies--this will have an enormous negative impact on advancing scientific discoveries. I bet the leadership at FDA has not even considered the how this will impact research. THIS IS A TOXIC OVERARCHING GOVERNMENTAL INJUSTICE!!!!	12/23/2019 2:04 PM
292	Very small patients and exotic species often could not be treated without compounding for safe and appropriate dosing	12/23/2019 1:47 PM
293	Compounded drugs helps keep prices down for clients.	12/23/2019 1:44 PM
294	Compounding is so important for veterinary patients. First, animals are NOT small people: medications are metabolized differently, and the dosing is different depending on the species and size of the animal. Second, many of the dosage forms are not easy for pet owners to administer, so having the option of making smaller pills, or turning a pill into a liquid, are crucial to ensure our clients can be compliant and give our patients the medication they need.	12/23/2019 1:36 PM
295	Smaller patients and ones who can't take pills need options	12/23/2019 1:33 PM
296	Many available drugs are not easily dosed in small measures for 'pocket pets', birds or reptiles. For example, offering a hamster 1/64 of a tablet is significantly more difficult than having a properly compounded drug.	12/23/2019 1:32 PM
297	Animals are not small humans. The specific drugs themselves and the dosages of these drugs can vary widely among various species. Compounding is the only way to make sure a patient's proper dose/medication is being met.	12/23/2019 1:29 PM
298	We breed dogs to become guide dogs for the blind, we need medications fro new born puppies in a strength that is not available commercially.	12/23/2019 1:27 PM
299	I rely on compounded medications to be able to treat my patients. So often, owners have difficulty using the commercial form and our only option to treat the pet is to get it compounded into another form that the pet might take. I also see exotic animals and small pocket pets. Oftentimes the medications we use are human doses and these little guys need something specially made so we're not overdosing them. Have you tried getting an angry cat to take pills once or twice a day for weeks or months? Or trying to split a pill into 1/8 accurately for dosing?	12/23/2019 1:25 PM
300	Animals require such small or differing amounts of a drug versus humans. Often we cannot cut down a human drug small enough to treat a patient. Also animals do not readily take medications as a human might so these drugs must be compounded in a manner that the owner can easily administer.	12/23/2019 1:23 PM
301	My work requires very accurate dosing for compounded chemotherapeutics. Without this as an option my patients would experience significant toxicity from overdose or would pay for subtherapeutic doses.	12/23/2019 1:15 PM
302	There are medications that we receive from compounding pharmacy due to inability to get through our distributors, or we have only one or two patients on a specific medication. This also helps us with patients who are between sizes and we need to compound in order to get the correct dosage.	12/23/2019 1:14 PM
303	We will be in a very difficult position to treat animal patients without the ability to have medications compounded for veterinary use. Many drugs used in human medicine can not be used in their current forms or strengths and must be compounded into forms acceptable and safe for use in animal patients. The lack of access to compounded drugs will only increase veterinary patient morbidity and mortality. access to compounded medications is essential in today's modern veterinary practice.	12/23/2019 1:12 PM
304	As veterinarians we are called upon to treat a much wider range of species and sizes then MDs are... there is quite often no FDA approved formulation that can be readily administered to the smallest of those in my care. Loss of access to compounded formulations will directly affect the health and well-being of many of my patients.	12/23/2019 1:03 PM
305	We use these medications to treat problems that are life-threatening. Without these	12/23/2019 1:01 PM

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medications, we couldn't treat various cancers or heart problems.

306	I have to be able to relieve pain and suffering to be an effective veterinarian, and compounded controlled drugs are part of how I can do that. For some patients, it is their only option for safe dosing, or being able to administer it at all.	12/23/2019 12:42 PM
307	Without compounding some animals would not get their medications, due to not being able to take it in the form it is normally made.	12/23/2019 12:34 PM
308	I try to keep compounded medication use to a minimum, in general, and will always choose available labeled product first. However, when the labeled drug is on back-order or the dosing of the medication justifies compounding, then it is the only option left for the pet and therefore quite necessary.	12/23/2019 12:27 PM
309	Pets do not take medications easily in most cases. Having them only in pill, capsule, or non-flavored liquid form is not helpful to get stubborn pets to take their medications, limiting owner compliance and therefore effective treatment options. Compounded treats, flavored liquid formulations, and transdermal options provide routes for better compliance and therefore more effective treatment plans.	12/23/2019 12:15 PM
310	As an animal shelter, we have many animals that benefit from us having access to compound medications. Without this access, it would be much more difficult or even impossible to find the medications we need to treat some of our most needy animals. Compound medications mean the difference between life and death for some of our animals!! In many cases it is the only medication available, for example for our kittens, compounded medications are the only form we can find in a small enough dose. Often it is the only medication that is affordable as well.	12/23/2019 12:04 PM
311	With all the back order of medication lately, it is EXTREMELY important for the veterinary field to get necessary drugs for our patients!	12/23/2019 11:51 AM
312	Not all medications are formulated for smaller breed dogs or cats. We need compounded medications for this very purpose.	12/23/2019 11:39 AM
313	But only when done by a pharmacy that is 100% compliant. Wedgewood pharmacy is part of the problem...not part of the solution!	12/23/2019 11:38 AM
314	There are some medications and strengths of medications that are not commercially available especially for our smallest patients. Without compounding these medications into appropriate and palatable formulas many would go untreated or have a lower standard of medical care.	12/23/2019 11:35 AM
315	My patient's weigh anywhere from 500 grams to 180 lbs, with the vast majority checking in at 10 lbs or less. The only way we are able to properly dose these patients is with compounded medication. If we lose the ability to readily compound or receive compounded medication, many of the pharmacological advances and progresses we've made in patient care in the vet profession...especially pain management...will be taken away. The patient's will suffer as we try to make due with a token selection of drugs to choose from....	12/23/2019 11:34 AM
316	Often our patients require medication that is not commercially available. Thus compounded medication is vital to our success	12/23/2019 11:16 AM
317	I am a pharmacist and a veterinary dermatologist (would be great credentials for your company!) and I compound many meds especially for otitis cases.	12/23/2019 11:15 AM
318	There are clients that must use compounded medications for their specific illness. We would not be able to properly treat our patients if compounding was not allowed.	12/23/2019 11:01 AM
319	Some items are unavailable in the correct dosing and having alternative forms from commercially available medications available. Most companies are not making new meds or administration forms specifically for veterinary medicine, so to best treat our patients and best support our clients, access to compounded medications is essential.	12/23/2019 10:55 AM
320	I rely on compounding for certain medications to treat life threatening conditions- my suppliers don't carry it or not in a form that works for veterinary patients.	12/23/2019 10:54 AM
321	Many medications we used are not sized properly for animals. Without compounding it would be impossible for us to safely use some of these medications, especially in smaller pets.	12/23/2019 10:51 AM
322	We use them daily. Without compounded medications in hospital stock I don't feel I would be able to appropriately treat in a timely manner many of the animals in my care. None of the medications I use are even on the ridiculously short list of allowable drugs listed by the FDA.	12/23/2019 10:40 AM

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323	Having access to compounded medications for products that are not available in appropriate doses or in any FDA approved form is vitally important, as is being able to compound in particular formulations or flavors to allow people to get their pets to take the medications reliably.	12/23/2019 10:40 AM
324	I see exotic animals and when they are sick, time is of the essence. Many of them would die if I was unable to administer the first couple doses or days of medication while waiting for their personal compounded medication to arrive by mail. Being rural, I cannot just send them to town to get it from a local pharmacy in most cases.	12/23/2019 10:39 AM
325	In order to treat our patients to the best of our ability we must have access to compounded medications	12/23/2019 10:37 AM
326	We are a nonprofit humane society that treats up to 400 animals at any given time. We need access to compounded medications to keep it cost effective and it concentrations and applications that decrease stress levels in our already stressful environment.	12/23/2019 10:32 AM
327	Due to back orders and inappropriate mg sizes	12/23/2019 10:30 AM
328	Due to size many of my animals require compounded medications as the commercial strength could cause further harm or death if used. Compounded medications are a daily part of life for many of my patients and clients.	12/23/2019 10:20 AM
329	I have patients that are difficult to medicate and without access to compounded meds these patients would be euthanized or suffer.	12/23/2019 10:18 AM
330	We use compounded drugs daily for several medications, especially important are doxycycline and buprenorphine.	12/23/2019 10:08 AM
331	Compounded medications are VERY important in our practice. A large percent of patients are very difficult to medicate even by trained professionals, let alone an owner at home possibly by themselves trying to get a pill into their fractious cat or dog. Liquids, transdermals, etc. are invaluable when working with these patients. Many of them would go untreated without these options available to our clients. Also, some medications have been on back order for a very long time. Compounded medications are at times the only way for us to get these medications and be able to treat our patients. Our patients also have a huge weight range spectrum (dogs from 2lbs to 240lbs). Without the ability to have compounded medications tailored to their weights, especially those tiny little pups (yorkies, chihuahuas, etc) we would be left with having to under dose in many cases thus not be able to properly treat our patients.	12/23/2019 10:05 AM
332	There are many medications that because of the lack of use in the human side of pharmaceuticals that we need to have compounding available. Also, with some species we need different strengths made up. Any also different types of meds--pills made up as liquids and such.	12/23/2019 9:59 AM
333	I have practiced in Belgium where compounding is not available... and it is very difficult. Especially to make palatable or transdermal options for cats and exotics, but also for certain types of medication that are no longer available for our animal Patients.	12/23/2019 9:56 AM
334	There is no financial motivation for companies to pay for medication trials in any of the non-traditional species that I treat. Add to this the difficulties (read: impossibility) of administering pills to parrots and I rely almost solely on compounded medications for my patients.	12/23/2019 9:50 AM
335	I can not do what I do without access to compounded medications. This is not a financial concern this is an access to effective drugs and concentrations for my patients.	12/23/2019 9:45 AM
336	Wide variation in size and species requires access to compounded medications.	12/23/2019 9:41 AM
337	Having compounded medicine is crucial to get the right dose for smaller animals, as well as getting them in different forms, such as transdermal, liquid, flavored chews. Animals can be very difficult to medicate if they are not willing. Sometimes, this is the only option.	12/23/2019 9:40 AM
338	Access to compounded medications is extremely important for patients that need special dosing sizes or special administration techniques.	12/23/2019 9:39 AM
339	As a referral veterinary ophthalmologist, at least half of my patients need compounded medications, due to lack of response to the currently available FDA approved medications.	12/23/2019 9:39 AM
340	I use it for large/tiny mg prescriptions, liquids for cats and exotics and to make them affordable	12/23/2019 9:37 AM

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	for clients	
341	I cannot practice high quality medication or offer alternatives for clients without access to compounding medications. This will do nothing but hurt pets.	12/23/2019 9:36 AM
342	Some drugs are no longer available in reasonable forms or sizes for administration to our patients. Some of these drugs treat life threatening diseases which have no usable or accessible alternatives	12/23/2019 9:34 AM
343	All of my patients are very small and are unable to swallow tablet forms of medications. The main reason why I use compounded medications is to give these drugs in liquid form that my patients can take, and at a concentration that is not available commercially as they are typically much much lower than for typical companion animal species or humans. If I don't have access to compounded medications then I cannot accurately dose or sometimes even treat my patients at all. And I would rather use a national compounding pharmacy that has regulations and quality control for these medications than be forced to try to compound in my practice. While I use antibiotics most of all, I would want access to all drugs possible in case I need to treat a ferret in heart failure or rabbit in kidney failure.	12/23/2019 9:34 AM
344	We depend on compounded medications daily to run our business.	12/23/2019 9:33 AM
345	Compounding is the only way to achieve the dosing we need for our non-human patients in many cases. Restrictions on compounding are really restrictions on being able to treat our patients with no alternatives being put forward. Please don't take away our ability to treat our patients unless a viable alternative is provided.	12/23/2019 9:31 AM
346	There is a definite need for compounded medications. Oftentimes there is only choice commercially available for route of administration even when it has been documented that other forms are equally effective (e.g. methimazole). Other routes of administration make client compliance much higher and the pets receive better quality of care.	12/23/2019 9:28 AM
347	Many of my patients are small and need compounded medications to give appropriate doses of the medications.	12/23/2019 9:25 AM
348	Invaluable in times of backorder; also increases dosage formations to increase client compliance	12/23/2019 9:23 AM
349	our small pets need options for compounding to be able to even use medicine at all. The doses are so small we need a way to manage pharmacology for them. Then getting the medicine in them can be difficult so having options for compounding in liquids, transdermal, melt tabs etc is very important for compliance and overall treatment of our patients. We are doctors of animals and many people care enough about their animals to seek out and pay for medical services. We need to be able to provide this service for them and for ending suffrages in animals. We have the ability to do so and should not be prohibited by regulation. If there is a problem there is another solution so we can have our access and the regulators can oversee as needed.	12/23/2019 9:20 AM
350	Due to the lack of research into veterinary pharmaceuticals it is very common that a drug specific for that animal or size is not available commercially. Without the ability to make these medications for each specific case, the care of these animals would be in jeopardy.	12/23/2019 9:19 AM
351	Unfortunately compounding pharmacies are not regulated and refuse to tell where they get the products they compound or to describe their facilities.	12/23/2019 9:19 AM
352	We would be unable to provide necessary medications to many patients (especially the small ones) without access to compounded drugs.	12/23/2019 9:18 AM
353	Our patients come in multiple sizes and are not easy to pill. Restricting access to compounded medication is DETRIMENTAL, HARMFUL & will result in inadequate treatment of my patients, particularly cats.	12/23/2019 9:17 AM
354	As a feline only practitioner, I rely on compounded medications to treat my patients. Because cats are difficult to medicate, the form that most commercially available medications will not work for my patients. Furthermore, the commercially available medications are always too high a dose for my patients.	12/23/2019 9:15 AM
355	There are many times where an animal would not receive life saving medications if it were not for compounded medications.	12/23/2019 9:13 AM
356	We are dealing with a broader variation of size than the human works and being able to	12/23/2019 9:13 AM

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compound medication to the size if very important for avoiding adverse effects. Especially with chemotherapy - a small change in size can have significant negative consequence for a patient.

357	It's necessary for us to be able to access these when needed.	12/23/2019 9:12 AM
358	I have a practice that serves a majority of lower income clientele many on disability or retirement incomes. They desire to take care of their pets but cannot afford most practices in the area. I like having the discretion of providing certain compounded drugs that are quality, affordable and may not be available in the form they require.	12/23/2019 9:09 AM
359	It is extremely important that we are able to get the correct medication in the compounded strength that we need for our small or unique patients.	12/23/2019 8:41 AM
360	It is essential that we are able to provide our patients with compounded medications that they require for health issues.	12/23/2019 8:03 AM
361	Die We have several patients that require medications to keep them alive that are not available in their size/strength. Without these medicines, several patients will die or live a very poor quality of life. Please, do not restrict our access to drugs any more than they already are.	12/23/2019 7:21 AM
362	Some of the commonly used drugs do not come in forms that are easily given to smaller animals (ex: Gabapentin tiny tabs). When drugs are on long-term backorder from manufacturers (an increasing issue of late) we can get them from compounding pharmacies and not risk the health of the patient by not being able to supply it at all.	12/23/2019 6:55 AM
363	with so many back orders happening, and limited drug availability in general, compounding options are viable part in giving the best care.	12/23/2019 6:53 AM
364	Many clients cannot afford to treat their animals at all without access to compounded medications.	12/23/2019 6:32 AM
365	Many medications are not available at the sizes we need for small animals.	12/23/2019 6:30 AM
366	Hyperadrenocorticism would be hard to truly regulate without being able to compound other sizes of trilostane. The commercially available liquid gabapentin is made for humans and animals HATE it, which makes it difficult for pet owners to give. Cats are very difficult to pill. Without transdermal methimazole, many would go untreated.	12/23/2019 6:27 AM
367	Drugs often go on back order and we are unable to attain the needed medications to treat out patients. We also have owners who are unable to administer the medication in it's commercial form due to patient size and temperament. Compounded drugs are essential to veterinary medicine.	12/23/2019 6:14 AM
368	I treat many very small animals that are unable to take medications at the available sizes. Also, there are many animals that will not take pills/capsules or tablets.	12/23/2019 6:00 AM
369	There are often no other options for the size of patient. There have been a huge number of unavailable or back ordered medicines for which compounded drugs are the only option	12/23/2019 5:20 AM
370	It is imperative that these medication are available to help is treat animals. Many drugs are not commercially available to veterinarians anymore.	12/22/2019 11:31 PM
371	I work in a shelter and access to compounded medications for the various illnesses we see and treat, often on a large scale, is extremely important.	12/22/2019 10:04 PM
372	Smaller pets - cats and small dogs need doses that are smaller than commercially available manufactured products. Cats are very picky about their meds so custom made suspensions and transdermal applications are very helpful. It helps prevent injury to owners, which helps compliance, and it helps ensure that the pets get the medications. Owners want to comply or they wouldn't bring their pet in to see the vet, but then to hand them an impossible task, just creates frustration and anxiety, and doesn't help the pet.	12/22/2019 8:39 PM
373	Certain dosages are unavailable due to the differences in size of the animal patient, necessitating a precise titration for a particular size animal, be it a dog or a cat.	12/22/2019 7:56 PM
374	It is very important to have access to many different formulations of medications because some animals will not take a capsule, sometimes they are too small for the smallest commercially available dose form and sometimes the commercially available form is on back order.	12/22/2019 7:18 PM
375	There are many times when FDA approved medications are not appropriate for the size of the	12/22/2019 6:55 PM

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pet or the owners are unable to give the medications in the form that has been approved.

376	A large number of pharmaceutical companies often are on back-order for a number of routinely used drugs. Compounding fill that void and provide these medications on a reliable on timely basis.	12/22/2019 4:50 PM
377	We deal with a lot of exotic animals and birds as well as routine companion animals (dogs and cats). There aren't a lot of commercially available pharmaceuticals for these small animals and compounding is the only route we have. Several veterinary approved medications as well as available human generics may not be in a form that can be effectively administered to some pets and a compounded form is the only option.	12/22/2019 2:21 PM
378	Die Absolutely essential to be able to provide care to animals in need. There are not nearly enough FDA approved medications and animals will suffer and die without the ability for me to access compounded medications.	12/22/2019 1:38 PM
379	There are certain life-saving medications (i.e., pimobendan, chlorambucil, lomustine) that would have been unattainable had I not been able to have them compounded through a veterinary compounding pharmacy.	12/22/2019 12:32 PM
380	Many medications have no equivalent in human medicine. Many medications require very controlled dosing, which is especially difficult to do in small patients or those with special requirements. Countless patients will not take a liquid or a pill, unless it is flavored - which is compounding. We order compounded products on the order of 2-3 per week, and I am a solo practitioner. There are innumerable medications which cannot be aquired unless compounded.	12/22/2019 12:06 PM
381	We use compounded medications all the time. It's the only way to treat certain pets and any restrictions would have very detrimental effects.	12/22/2019 9:49 AM
382	Due to the wide variety of sizes of our patients and the frequency of back orders on medications compounding is essential in veterinary medicine!	12/22/2019 7:43 AM
383	Cat clinic we need transdermal and oral liquids. Commercial preparation often cannot be used in cats due to strength.	12/22/2019 2:58 AM
384	I own a cat clinic. Most owners cannot give a pill and the cats are often not of a size that the commercial preparations can be used.	12/22/2019 2:55 AM
385	Certain drugs we use daily are available in appropriate doses and forms for small animals only through compounding	12/21/2019 7:32 PM
386	With the recent increase in backorders on many medications, compounded medications are sometimes our only option to offer treatment to sick animals.	12/21/2019 6:02 PM
387	Compounded medications are critical to caring for many of my patients due to the lack of commercially available medications for pets.	12/21/2019 5:43 PM
388	Backorders, flavors, dosage sizes all are critical	12/21/2019 5:28 PM
389	Cats are very difficult to medicate. Without compounded medications many patients would be able to receive needed medications at all. Feline health would suffer.	12/21/2019 4:21 PM
390	It is very important that I can supply the owners of small animals proper dosing forms for their small sizes. How could I possible dose a 4 pound dog with prednisone for instance without being able to have a pharmacy safely take the mg. down to safe amounts for that pet. Also some animals must have liquid forms vs. pill forms that are available for human or large animal use. It is terribly ignorant of pet needs to even propose limiting our ability to prescribe the medications we deem necessary for our patient's best interests. I guess that is why we are writing ,to dispel that lack of understanding by whatever I HOPE well intentioned bureaucrat who is trying to cut our patients off from needed medications. It is beyond my understanding why this would even be considered.	12/21/2019 4:12 PM
391	Many pets will not take medications that are not compounded due to the bad taste. There is also the issue of medications not being in a dose form that is small enough for a pet to take. The only way to get some of these medications in a low enough dose is to have them compounded.	12/21/2019 3:29 PM
392	Dosing for small patients is important. Favored formulations are crucial for daily dosing of medications	12/21/2019 3:01 PM

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393	In our practice we depend on professionally compounded medications when the medication does not exist in an applicable formulation most often. For example, we have found over the past 20 years + that cats and dogs with renal function compromise benefit with longer survival and life quality from oral intake of calcitriol; however, we need compounding to make calcitriol available in a usable dose size and formulation. Compounding is essential...this is just 1 example.	12/21/2019 1:58 PM
394	Many of my feline patients in particular would not receive medication for a vast array of illnesses without compounding	12/21/2019 1:51 PM
395	There are many medications that are helpful and even lifesaving to our patients that do not come in a size that is manageable for proper dosing. If we are not able to compound, many of our patients will suffer and not for any good reason. I want to be sure that compounding pharmacies are taking proper precautions for product stability and sterility if necessary and consistent accuracy. As long as the pharmacy upholds given standards, I see no reason for limiting the drugs they can compound. I also see no reason for practitioners to have to note on every prescription why we need to use the compounded prescription. I would be willing to have to participate in an online educational format and take a test just so each of us is aware of the implications of compounding, but notating on each prescription is just busywork.	12/21/2019 12:30 PM
396	Many patients (particularly feline) are not cooperative when owners give medication, resulting in poor compliance or in some cases NO compliance. The ability to have medications compounded into more palatable or deliverable forms allows us to treat many conditions. The lack of availability of compounded medications would adversely affect my ability to care for my patients in a major way.	12/21/2019 12:14 PM
397	Many are medically only viable option. Some may be the difference between life and death	12/21/2019 11:56 AM
398	Anyone promoting restricted access to compounded medications is not advocating for animals' well being.	12/21/2019 11:40 AM
399	Some of my very small dogs do not fit into meds available or will not take oral meds. Alternatives are also necessary for cats who are difficult to give oral meds to. Many pets would not be able to receive medication if compounded medications were not available.	12/21/2019 10:07 AM
400	It would be impossible to get proper dosing of medications for small dogs and cats without compounding	12/21/2019 9:58 AM
401	We treat many patients that are Rodents, Avian and exotics, along with dogs and cats. Without compounding, they would be very difficult to treat, leading to a sharp increase in mortality.	12/21/2019 9:56 AM
402	Cats are not always easy to pill, so having compounded liquid medication is essential to our practice.	12/21/2019 9:50 AM
403	I do a lot of work with small mammals and exotic species. There are virtually no medications specifically labeled for them. Compounded drugs are, thus, a necessity in veterinary care for these animals.	12/21/2019 9:39 AM
404	It is sometimes very difficult for owners to be able to give medications to their pet and being able to get it compounded into a flavored chew or liquid means the difference between an owner being able to give their pet it's needed medication, or not. Also sometimes we deal with cats or very small dogs where a particular needed medication does not come in a dose small enough to be able to dispense. Without compounding the animal would not be able to get the necessary medication.	12/21/2019 9:29 AM
405	There are many medications that do not come in the appropriate size or dosage forms that are safe and reasonable for clients. Not having access to compounded medications would limit my ability to treat many common problems.	12/21/2019 9:01 AM
406	I use them daily for the benefit of the animals in our lives.	12/21/2019 8:48 AM
407	Compounded medications are extremely important when they are not available commercially or are not available in a feasible dosage size. Without compounded medications we would be unable to provide the treatments necessary for some of our patients (and therefore, their owners!)	12/21/2019 8:39 AM
408	Most animals can take commercially available drug formulations, but others are very challenging to medicate, either due to patient uncomplaine or lack of appropriate dose formulations.	12/21/2019 8:37 AM

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409	The FDA as well as most government agencies usually have no clue what goes on in the real world and as a result tend to do more harm than good.	12/21/2019 8:28 AM
410	So many drugs are off the market, no longer produced. The need is great for some of these products and my clinic does not have the expertise to do the work.	12/21/2019 8:10 AM
411	I do feline medicine, I use and prescribe compounded meds daily. People would have to not treat or euthanize their cats without access to compounded meds such as transdermal methimazole,	12/21/2019 7:39 AM
412	What is compelling them to try and make this change ? I have read no reports of lack of efficacy, so why is this an issue ?	12/21/2019 7:33 AM
413	It is important because it gives us access to medications that are sometimes on manufacturers backorder elsewhere. Also we can tailor our medications to small patients or those that need flavoring.	12/21/2019 7:26 AM
414	Too many times the manufacturers are negligent with their production and common needed medications are back ordered.	12/21/2019 7:08 AM
415	We deal with animals that range in size from less than a pound to several thousand pounds. There is no available medication commercially that covers that range of sizes without compounding.	12/21/2019 7:04 AM
416	Many of the drugs I use every day such as meloxicam and pimobendan have been on manufacturer backorder for months. I have patients who need these drugs to stay alive and comfortable. The only option I have is to use compounded medications. Many of my patients would not be here today if not for this. Their owners are certainly glad we can get compounded drugs.	12/21/2019 7:01 AM
417	We absolutely must be able to get medications compounded to dose drugs safely for our patients whose weights do not allow safe use of standard commercially available formulations	12/21/2019 7:00 AM
418	Our practice relies on compounded medications for the health of our patients on a daily basis. It would be very devastating to our practice if we were not able to obtain the medications we need.	12/21/2019 6:51 AM
419	Access is critically important given the high degree of backorders in our industry.	12/21/2019 6:32 AM
420	Speaking on behalf of my dog, cat, and exotics patients, all would suffer greatly if GFI #256 were finalized and put into effect. Cats and exotics especially rely heavily on compounded medication formulations due to their smaller sizes and unique physiological differences that render a great number of FDA-approved formulation treatment options toxic to them if compounding were not allowed. Additionally, without access to compounded medications as we have now, owners of many exotic pet species in particular (to include popular childhood or classroom pets such as guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, rabbits, ferrets, and common pet reptile, amphibian & bird species) would often find themselves facing a financial euthanasia decision for their pet (or their child's pet) based on the ridiculously high price of the compounded medication that is the only option to treat their pet's illness/condition.	12/21/2019 6:28 AM
421	A significant percentage of my patients rely on compounded medications for a variety of reasons- more reasonably priced than scripted through a human pharmacy, flavored products for those animals difficult to medicate, liquid formulations when pilling is impossible.	12/21/2019 6:21 AM
422	With the constant unavailability of medicines due to manufacturer backorders etc if not for compounded medications animals would not be able to receive treatment. Also with exotic pets compounding is necessary to meet these species needs. Also not all animals can take current forms of available meds and may require compounding in a different form ie transdermal	12/21/2019 6:14 AM
423	When medications go on back order we need a source to continue to provide medication. Also, we need alternative forms of medications at times for patients to take!	12/21/2019 6:13 AM
424	These are medications we cannot access through other distributors	12/21/2019 5:48 AM
425	Most clients would not be able to treat their cats for feline hyperthyroidism with transdermal methimazole.	12/21/2019 5:31 AM
426	The vast difference in sizes of my patients requires that I be able to dose them accurately. Compounding is the only answer.	12/21/2019 5:09 AM

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427	It is common in veterinary medicine to have a need for compounded medication for palatability issues, difficulty for clients to administer oral medication to pet patients, lack of an existing FDA approved medication for a particular species or issue, etc.	12/20/2019 11:29 PM
428	Compounding medications in veterinary medicine is a necessity.	12/20/2019 10:30 PM
429	Our patients can range from grams to thousands of pounds	12/20/2019 10:16 PM
430	Die Animals will die	12/20/2019 10:07 PM
431	Without compounded meds I can't treat my patients as well/fully.	12/20/2019 10:07 PM
432	Not all medications utilized in veterinary medicine have an animal equivalent that is easy to administer. Compliance is a driving factor in selection of medications and a large number of human medications do not come in flavors such as tuna or beef, etc.	12/20/2019 9:50 PM
433	We have a very busy 4 doctor practice and we use compounded meds MULTIPLE times daily. We treat 80% dog/cat and 20% exotic pets. If we were denied or limited in our access to compounded meds it would be DELETERIOUS to our practice and our patients.	12/20/2019 9:36 PM
434	Very important because access to standard commercial drugs is becoming more and more limited, with medications being discontinued and placed on indefinite backorder. Compounding is our last resort for lifesaving medications for pets.	12/20/2019 9:31 PM
435	Being able to fine tune dosage and form of administration is very important to client compliance.	12/20/2019 9:24 PM
436	There are 2 main reasons that I need compounded medications. 1. The drug is unavailable from a distributor and I have to get it from a veterinary compounding pharmacy. 2. Because these are animals, it can be hard to give them a medication unless it is compounded into a form and or flavor that we can get into them.	12/20/2019 9:19 PM
437	Because of the wide range of body weights with which we deal, there are not commercially available formulations of medications that will meet recommended drug dosages. Compounding is the only way to correctly dose medications.	12/20/2019 8:52 PM
438	the drug companies are discontinuing the production of many important drugs because there is not enough profit in them. some of my patients need these drugs and there is no other source other than the compounding pharmacies.	12/20/2019 8:49 PM
439	Numerous medications are needed in sizes specifically for individual patients. It is often impossible to safely break down a tablet into a correctly sized piece for the patient. One of my own animals is on such a medication that is mandatory for his condition to keep his quality of life good. Many clients will need a different form of medication as they may not be able to give the standard form to their pet for many reasons- typically that the pet will not take the medication in it's standard form. These animals still deserves to get treatment for their conditions. I don't know what I would be able to do without several of the mainstays that I use for patients.	12/20/2019 8:47 PM
440	There are times when compounded drugs are the only option to alleviate patient suffering.	12/20/2019 8:31 PM
441	We have patients that would not survive without these compounded medicines or would be euthanized.	12/20/2019 8:27 PM
442	Having a variety of dosage forms available is vital to dealing with pets in a real world setting.	12/20/2019 8:26 PM
443	In order to get the correct dosage into an animal, it's very important to have the medication in a form of delivery that the owner is able to administer and a dosage size that is realistic.	12/20/2019 8:24 PM
444	Due to the large variations in patient size and need for different delivery routes (ie oral, injectable, transdermal, etc) and methods (flavored, chewables, etc.), compounded medications are essential to quality of care in veterinary medicine.	12/20/2019 8:24 PM
445	Without compounded medicines it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to properly treat a wide range of my patients	12/20/2019 8:19 PM
446	Some compounded drugs are the only treatment for my patient.	12/20/2019 8:13 PM
447	With the consistent invariability on many commercially produced medications there are times the only way to help the patient is with compounded product.	12/20/2019 8:13 PM
448	We are unable to accurately dose some pets using commercial preparations, due to their small	12/20/2019 8:08 PM

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size. These include cardiac medications and some other essential medications. Compounding also allows some medications to be prepared in a more palatable form to increase compliance. The FDA should try pilling a cat on a daily basis to get a better understanding.

449	For many of our patients, the available products are not the right dose or form. Compounding allows more accurate dosing. It also gives the client a form that is easier to administer.	12/20/2019 7:54 PM
450	Exotic medicine requires the use of compounded medications.	12/20/2019 7:52 PM
451	More appropriate dosing for smaller animals	12/20/2019 7:37 PM
452	I use commercially available medications when available. Often times there are backorders or formulations that are not amenable to administration so I need them in different forms to administer.	12/20/2019 7:37 PM
453	Several medications are important for a patient's quality of life or even life-saving. For example, apomorphine tabs, can induce vomiting safely and quickly. They may save a dog's life by helping the dog vomit a substance that can be deadly.	12/20/2019 7:14 PM
454	We have such few options to treat cats and small dogs.	12/20/2019 7:00 PM
455	Without compounded medications many of our patients will not and cannot receive proper care. There are not dosages available commercially. These are primarily medications that need to be prescribed and given immediately. One of the most common being gabapentin. These are important to our patients and us on a daily basis. Without them, we don't have treatments available.	12/20/2019 7:00 PM
456	With the variety of species and body sizes of animals that I work on daily, compounding is absolutely essential to my practice of veterinary medicine.	12/20/2019 6:57 PM
457	Animals have very different needs than humans. There are widely more human products available than pet pharmaceuticals. If we take away compounding many pets will go untreated.	12/20/2019 6:54 PM
458	There are so many issues with restricting our access -- small patients needing special sizes, difficult to medicate patients (whether it's owner problems or patient problems) and access to meds during shortages!	12/20/2019 6:37 PM
459	As a shelter veterinarian it is important to have formulations that we can give to a large number of animals of very different weights. It is important to have formulations that are palatable to decrease the time it takes to medicate a large number of animals with different temperaments. Cost is a major factor with whatever medication we choose since we are a non-profit shelter.	12/20/2019 6:28 PM
460	I use them for these reasons: 1. Medication on backorder (eg pimobendane) 2. Medication no longer available (eg DES, Cisapride) 3. Need dosing for cats- small mg, easy to administer (eg TD methimazole) 4. Flavor options	12/20/2019 6:10 PM
461	There are many FDA approved medications that cannot be appropriately dosed based on their strength. Owners cannot afford to have their pets hospitalized or bring them in daily for the purpose of medicating. Therefore it is imperative that we have medications available that can be dosed appropriately to patients size(s) in a formulation that owners are able to administer.	12/20/2019 6:07 PM
462	Working in a shelter, my patients may not have a long term duration here so having a source of limited options are very valuable to have in my arsenal. This allows for use on both different species and sized animals.	12/20/2019 1:50 PM
463	Varied weight sizes, varied acceptances and palatabilities influence owner and patient compliance. With restrictions, it will be more difficult to get patient success when it is already difficult for clients not to veterinarian hop when they cannot get one quick magic answer to their pet's problem. We already document which patient/per patient compounded Rx's are used.	12/20/2019 12:08 PM
464	Many medications are not commercially available in sizes appropriate for cats and small dogs.	12/20/2019 11:52 AM
465	We see exotic pets in our practice so often need medications compounded to liquid and in much lower concentration than what is commercially available	12/20/2019 11:37 AM
466	Every month, veterinarians are being faced with drug shortages, basic medications on indefinite backorder, newer prescription drugs suddenly not available due to manufacturer mistakes or running out of active ingredients....and we need to be able to get these life saving medications for our pets quickly and even be able to have them in stock in the hospital for emergency patients who need them. It never used to be this way. Why are the medications disappearing?!	12/20/2019 11:18 AM

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And why should the government regulate what compounded medications we keep in our hospitals, ready for use? Don't they have enough to do?

467	I use compounded medications frequently in my difficult to medicate patients and patients with diseases with no veterinary drugs available.	12/20/2019 10:42 AM
468	We use a lot of compounded medications for our feline patients, and not having access to reasonably priced compounded medications would severely limit client compliance and jeopardize the health of many of our feline patients and their quality of life.	12/20/2019 10:30 AM
469	There are numerous species that require smaller compounded amounts because standard drugs come in too large a size to practically dose. Also, some pets do not tolerate tablets and the drugs need to be made into liquid or transdermal gels to apply the meds	12/20/2019 10:21 AM
470	Many items are either unavailable or cost prohibitive for Veterinary patients. Or in a formulation that is ok for human use but not ok for Veterinary use.	12/20/2019 10:08 AM
471	When treating dogs and cats, it is extremely important to have alternative dosing options available. Many pets need liquid medication for accurate dosing due to their small size. It can also be difficult to give large tablets or bitter medications to pets. If alternative flavors or methods of administration (transdermal, capsules, chews) are not available many pets would not be treated for treatable conditions and could suffer.	12/20/2019 10:01 AM
472	We deal with a lot of animals that are too small to get a normal pill dose. We need compounded medication for our small animals.	12/20/2019 9:40 AM
473	Since the majority of our patients are small or cats, compounded medications are many times the only option.	12/20/2019 9:38 AM
474	I work in the laboratory animal medicine field and there are no commercially-available drugs specifically formulated for mice and rats. Compounded drugs are essential for our business.	12/20/2019 9:32 AM
475	With out some of these medications there would be many more blind and hurting animals	12/20/2019 9:11 AM
476	Many clients report difficulty in administering traditional medication doses to their pets and many traditional medication sizes or forms are incompatible with dosing for difficult patients so compliance suffers and patients do not recover from ailments as they should. It is absolutely necessary to have access to compounded preparations so we can ensure owner compliance to treat difficult to medicate pets.	12/20/2019 8:33 AM
477	Many cats do not like to take oral medications and by compounding I can find other modalities to make sure they get the medication	12/20/2019 8:26 AM
478	We don't use a lot of compounded medications (probably less than 5% of total meds prescribed), but it is really hard to scale down a 250 mg metronidazole for a 2 lb. kitten or puppy. There is no commercially available tacrolimus ophthalmic ointment. For these specific cases and many others, we rely on compounded meds to serve our clients and treat our patients.	12/20/2019 8:18 AM
479	All too often our drug supplies are cut-off due to human supply demand. Also we need dosing much smaller than human meds can provide.	12/20/2019 8:00 AM
480	Of the commercially available medications, there are many that can't be used in cats and dogs due to it being in too high a dose to be safe for use in smaller animals. There are often shortages of commercially available medications as well. Many of these medications are lifesaving for many pets, like pimobendan.	12/20/2019 7:57 AM
481	Some compounded medications are vital to everyday medicine in the veterinary field. From meloxicam injectable to pimobendan tabs that are both unavailable and currently on back order from their manufacturer. There are a multitude of other medications that are unavailable through my distributor and are only available through a compounding pharmacy.	12/20/2019 7:42 AM
482	The veterinary market is so small co.pared to human, that it is not financially attractive for drug companies to tailor their products to animals. Often personalized changes in dose and vehicle are needed. To increase our workload for every time this is needed--it is a disservice to veterinarians and their clients, who will ultimately bear to cost.	12/20/2019 7:22 AM
483	There are many mixtures and doses of medications needed for animals that are not available readily.	12/20/2019 7:14 AM

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484	1) Often necessary when medications are on backorder or have been discontinued so the only source is to compound for our patients. 2) Exotics is another important part of our practice so compounding medications to the correct dosage for this group of patients is the only way to treat them. Being able to have palatable medications is a great benefit. 3) Expense, many medications are to expensive to stock unless compounded in smaller volumes.	12/20/2019 12:27 AM
485	I treat exotics, and often their medications are not available in the size and strength they need for their species and size. Also, clients are often unable to give their cats tablets or capsules. They need medications compounded to a taste that cats will take readily or a topical form to apply to the cat's skin.	12/19/2019 10:31 PM
486	Compounded medication allows me to prescribe life saving medications to patients that require a strength that is not available commercially.	12/19/2019 10:07 PM
487	We utilize compounded meds on a daily basis. From being able to access medication that is backordered which is necessary to maintain a patient's health. Or be able to find a form of medication that an owner can easily get their let to take. It is a massive necessity in our field for improved patient compliance.	12/19/2019 7:40 PM
488	There are not FDA approved medications that are needed for equine health care. Limiting the availability to these medications will harm horses.	12/19/2019 7:19 PM
489	Many clients of large breed dogs cannot afford the nongeneric drugs for their animals. Also, the generic compounded medications work. There have been shortages of one of the most used cardiac medications, pimobendan, and BI even told cardiologists not to prescribe it for new patients which is blantly illegal as that means we cannot treat our patients with the best medication for their heart failure.	12/19/2019 7:06 PM
490	We are an oncology only practice that utilizes drugs that are not available commercially and absolutely need to be compounded.	12/19/2019 6:41 PM
491	As a veterinarian working in lab animal medicine, access to liquid suspensions of therapeutic drugs and differing concentrations (given the small sizes and size ranges of our patients) can be quite important to ensure effective treatment. For some animals, flavor and palatability can also be a deciding factor in compliance, and access to compounded medications is important for each.	12/19/2019 6:23 PM
492	Many medications are not available for feline patients in forms that are readily administered by the owners. Eliminating the option of compounding these would severely impact the quality of life for many of my patients.	12/19/2019 5:38 PM
493	We use compounded medications on a daily basis with our oncology patients.	12/19/2019 3:50 PM
494	Many times the form, dosage or quantity of commercially available medications are not appropriate for a particular species. Compounded medications provide the flexibility needed to treat when nothing else is available	12/19/2019 3:40 PM
495	Comnpounded agents allow me to provide owners with a range of possible dosing options for their pets. The difficulty in medicating animals makes having a range of dosing options critical to ensuring the pet gets the medical care it needs.	12/19/2019 3:08 PM
496	 Animals would die on a daily basis without compounded medication. We use and subscribe hundreds of compounded medications. Very few cats tolerate oral medication, so compounded medications are often the only option for cats.	12/19/2019 3:01 PM
497	Have many small dogs and cats requiring compounded medication for treatment or even survival.	12/19/2019 2:52 PM
498	I now pay 150.00 a month for medication for my dog. You will price most people who really care about there pet out of the market. I don't not believe owning a pet is only for the rich.please reconsider	12/19/2019 2:47 PM
499	We use compounded medications on a daily bases to help pain management, treatment of diseases of patients, without access to these medications there would be patient suffering and not being able to treat dieases.	12/19/2019 2:25 PM
500	Compounded medications are a critical piece of state of the art veterinary care.	12/19/2019 1:47 PM
501	Sometimes compounded medications are the only ones possible to treat some patients and their conditions.	12/19/2019 1:28 PM

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502	The lack of readily available liquid, topical, ophthalmic medications from regular suppliers makes medicating some patients impossible. Some clients cannot medicate cats without a liquid form or transdermal form of drug. Titrating drugs to an appropriate size for tiny pets is important for their treatment. Until certain drugs are available in necessary forms, compounding is something that veterinary medicine cannot do without.	12/19/2019 1:24 PM
503	There are specific medical conditions that require compounded medications in order to treat and/or manage. Without compounded medication thousands of animals will be left untreated. Having the option to get a drug compounded also gives us the ability to properly dose patients.	12/19/2019 1:15 PM
504	Because our patients come in such different sizes and we dose medications by weight, we need a compound pharmacy to make the proper doses available to our patients	12/19/2019 1:08 PM
505	Die I have a dog that requires a medication that is no longer available in a commercial form. Without it she would die ..	12/19/2019 1:07 PM
506	We cannot properly treat our clients without access to compounded medications quickly and in bulk	12/19/2019 12:38 PM
507	Compounded medications allow us to keep our spay/neuter and low cost clinic running. We have targeted programs to help those that would otherwise not seek veterinary care. We can't charge for really expensive drugs, our clients just can't afford it. For instance - when meloxicam was on backorder we were still able to provide pain control to surgery patients with compounded meloxicam. Carprofen and Onsior are much much more expensive and not really an option. It also helps us provide better quality of care to the shelter pets. We can provide medications to the shelter pets that we otherwise wouldn't be able to get.	12/19/2019 11:58 AM
508	We deal exclusively with exotic animals which vary in size from 25g to 1200#. This results in a variety of drug administration challenges and having the ability to have species appropriate medications formulated is critical to allowing us to provide proper care for our animals.	12/19/2019 11:55 AM
509	for some patients there are no alternatives to compounded preparations. these are vital to the health of the species and small animals we treat	12/19/2019 11:51 AM
510	I am the Director of Veterinary Medicine at a large shelter and compounding is essential for our neonates. We also have a full service hospital that provides for the care of the pets belonging to our low income residents and compounding is of paramount importance if there is a manufacturer's backorder since many times a written prescription for a human product is not financially feasible for our clients.	12/19/2019 11:41 AM
511	Compounded medications allow for patients to be medicated, when it is otherwise not feasible, either due to dosing size or patient compliance.	12/19/2019 11:34 AM
512	We have many feline patients and some canine patients, who will NOT take commercially prepared medications by mouth and require either a transdermal preparation or flavored suspension. Also we have some animals on life-sustaining medications (like Vetmedin) that become unavailable and compounded versions are the only option available for them for a period of time. Because we have many tiny patients, we regularly have certain medications (like gabapentin, metronidazole) compounded into a dose that cannot otherwise be achieved by halving or quartering the pill. Finally, we often have to compound otic treatments based on culture/sensitivity results that are not commercially available.	12/19/2019 11:17 AM
513	We are a feline-only practice, and in many cases, it is very difficult to get a cat to take a pill. We like having the option to compound medications into liquids, treats, or transdermal gels to help our clients keep their cats healthy with good compliance on medicating.	12/19/2019 11:01 AM
514	They provide a means of treating patients that clients have issues getting medications into or are too small for the available strengths available	12/19/2019 10:56 AM
515	Many of the drugs are considerably more expensive than the compounded equivalent and sometimes there is no alternative drug.	12/19/2019 10:54 AM
516	I treat only cats. They need smaller dosages and ways to increase "ease" of administration.	12/19/2019 10:45 AM
517	If there is no other option in drugs available to treat a particular problem/disorder, then we have to turn to compounded medications for our patients.	12/19/2019 10:33 AM
518	The frequency at which manufacturers of human labeled drugs are removed from the market or price fluctuation make costs astronomical for some medications - alternative medications that	12/19/2019 10:31 AM

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may no longer be used in humans but are effective and commonplace in animal care become more important than ever. No policy changes, shortages, or rebranding of older drugs into special packaging (i.e. the Epipen and loss of available epinephrine for acute anaphylaxis and emergency medicine in animals) considers the impact on animal care and welfare. By further limiting access to medications through compounding - more animals will suffer treatment failure.

519	Small size of many of our patients makes compounding a necessity to be able to dose accurately.	12/19/2019 10:27 AM
520	There are some drugs that are not available commercially that can save an animal's life. Also, compounded drugs allow the veterinarian to tailor the medication to their client, i.e. flavor it or make it in a formulation that can be given to the animal without added stress, i.e. liquid, paste, powder, etc. and have the medication in the specific amounts for that animal. Taking this option away will inhibit the ability to tailor treatment for an animal.	12/19/2019 10:21 AM
521	These medications can sometimes be life saving drugs that are not commercially available in the dosage sizes needed for a pet.	12/19/2019 10:06 AM
522	We are open nights and weekends, and sometimes need to be able to give medications enough to get patients through until the compounding pharmacies are open. We also see exotics, and definitely need compounded medications for them.	12/19/2019 10:04 AM
523	Compounded medications can be crucial in getting medications *IN* to my patients, who often refuse them in anything but compounded form. Limiting the compounding capabilities of veterinarians and veterinary pharmacies is tantamount to denying lifesaving care to our patients.	12/19/2019 10:03 AM
524	We as a veterinarians deal with pets from less than a lb to animal weighing a ton and there is no way we can function well without support of compounding pharmacies.	12/19/2019 10:01 AM
525	Most of my practice is with small ruminants (sheep and goats), cervids (elk, red stag, sika, whitetail and mule deer) and limitations or restricted access to compounded drugs would severely limit animal welfare and the ability to treat or prevent health problems.	12/19/2019 9:56 AM
526	If I were NOT able to use compounded drugs in the manner I am now, my patients would greatly suffer. Please do not take away my ability to treat my patients the right way.	12/19/2019 9:52 AM
527	My medical practice is significantly reliant on compounded chemotherapy agents to provide care to pets	12/19/2019 9:46 AM
528	Due to animal size, tractability, and preference differences, the compounding of medications is essential to the successful practice of veterinary medicine.	12/19/2019 9:44 AM
529	We prescribe compound substances daily, especially for cat patients	12/19/2019 9:21 AM
530	Treating exotics, there is often not a medication with the desired strength for small size of patient. Compounded medications are essential to being able to practice exotic medicine but also have major uses for traditional cat/dogs when standard medication dosing is not working or inaccessible to the owner.	12/19/2019 9:15 AM
531	It is important to have these medications available for office use so that I can start a patient immediately after diagnosis and not have to wait for a compound to be prepared and shipped. It is also important to have these medications affordable. If they are exorbitantly expensive my clients might decline treatment.	12/19/2019 9:05 AM
532	I'm a veterinary ophthalmologist and up to half of my topical medications have to be compounded, especially when pharmaceutical companies are consistently 'discontinuing' their products for unknown and sporadic reasons.	12/19/2019 9:03 AM
533	Sometimes this is the only option to obtain an otherwise unavailable treatment OR to obtain a form of the medication which our patients will take	12/19/2019 9:00 AM
534	We carry many compounded drugs as our patients come in many weight ranges that common human drugs are not able to accommodate.	12/19/2019 8:56 AM
535	Our practice utilizes compounded medications for many different reasons, and that option has allowed us to continue to offer the best standard of care for when traditional drugs are not available.	12/19/2019 8:54 AM
536	It seems as though this year was filled with back orders on routinely purchased drugs. We had	12/19/2019 8:52 AM

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no other alternative. Our patients depend on many of these drugs and it would be extremely detrimental to their health to be unable to get the compounded medications.

537	The variety of animals (species and sizes) and medical conditions we treat in veterinary medications make compounded medications essential. We need specific doses and formulations to tailor our treatment to each and every patient. We are not a one-size fits all industry like the human field, and without having access to compounded medications puts us at risk of not being able to treat our patients safely and effectively.	12/19/2019 8:52 AM
538	Higher milligram prescriptions that can be ordered from distributors can be very hard to dose smaller animals with. If we have compounded medications we are able to treat our patients immediately as opposed to waiting to get it in!	12/19/2019 8:38 AM
539	There have been so many instances of manufacturer's having a short supply of medication or running out completely. That's where compounded medications come in. They have helped in so many cases and have been cheaper to boot! They also have so many different ways of giving the medication and flavors! Compounding Pharmacies are a necessity.	12/19/2019 8:37 AM
540	We work with multiple species, domestic and non-domestic for which standard preparations are neither appropriate in form or concentration so we turn to compounding pharmacies to meet this need. We utilize compounding for cancer chemotherapeutics, antibiotics, special preparations which allow medication of animals which would not otherwise be treat-able.	12/19/2019 8:36 AM
541	Cats are very difficult for clients to medicate so we need various options for the medications. Cats also are very small and more sensitive to certain substances. Therefore, we need access to the precise dosages that compounding enables.	12/19/2019 8:34 AM
542	There are some medications that our patients require and we can only get them via compounding, such as vetmedin when there is a shortage.	12/19/2019 8:26 AM
543	There are times when the regularly available medications are not right for a given patient. And there are other situations where there are no veterinary products available.	12/19/2019 8:26 AM
544	There are MANY times when "standard" medications are unavailable and the need for compounded medications is NECESSARY to help reduce pain and suffering to our patients. We need to be able to have access to all the medications that are necessary for us to practice medicine in order to fulfill the oaths we took when we became doctors.	12/19/2019 8:19 AM
545	In our high altitude mountain community immune-mediated skin and eye diseases are prevalent (UV related). We need compounded medications to control these conditions.	12/19/2019 8:05 AM
546	Many small animal patients need a customized dosage for their smaller body weights, the dispensing form is inappropriate, or a medication is on back-order and only available as a compounded prescription.	12/19/2019 8:04 AM
547	Compounded medications, from reputable sources, are essential to our practice, as commercially available preparations are not always available for use in veterinary medicine.	12/19/2019 7:59 AM
548	I treat exotic animals that are small and require medications that are used off-label. These patients are also very small, often requiring medications to be compounded into palatable liquids that can be catered to the individual pet's needs.	12/19/2019 7:52 AM
549	Having different administration options for difficult to medicate patients due to their temperament is life altering for many clients. In addition, if it were not for compounding, I wouldn't have the option to medicate some of my patients safely due to their small size.	12/19/2019 7:47 AM
550	Due to the large variation in sizes of patients we see, it is sometimes very difficult to treat a patient with the limited number of dosage forms commercially available.	12/19/2019 7:44 AM
551	Certain drugs cannot be easily given to animals without the potential of physical harm to the owner/handler. Having access to drugs in different formulations is key to the success of treatment with compliance and safety.	12/19/2019 7:18 AM
552	For our smaller patients, in some cases, we have no drugs that can be used unless they are compounded.	12/19/2019 7:13 AM
553	Animals in small sizes require many compounded drugs in order to dose them out more appropriately.	12/19/2019 6:53 AM
554	A lot of our patients are faced with decreased appetites and aversions to medications so	12/19/2019 6:49 AM

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compounding them with flavors may be the only way of administering them. Also because we have patients in such a wide weight range and a lot of our medications are human sourced we need compounding in order to offer correct dosages

555	As an exotic pet veterinarian, I absolutely need compounded meds in order to be able to dose my very small patients accurately and with non-pill formations.	12/19/2019 6:24 AM
556	I work in veterinary oncology and surgery, and I deal with end of life and hospice care. I literally administer the same types of Compounded chemotherapeutics my own mother received while she was having chemotherapy. I am able to provide care and save lives because of the compounded drugs which are available to me. Compounding pain medications is also an integral part of providing an acceptable standard of medicine due to the varying size of patients we are treating. We often have to adjust dosing to patients weighing only grams. Please do not inhibit our ability to provide for our patients.	12/19/2019 6:21 AM
557	Many pharmaceuticals are not available commercially, or not available in safe dosage size to treat small animals. This legislation would cripple my ability to practice good medicine.	12/19/2019 6:20 AM
558	It is sometimes needed to have another form of the medication compounded. Some medications need to be formulated in smaller concentrations or in more easily administrated forms.	12/19/2019 6:18 AM
559	For our patients that need exact dosing we need compounded medications to achieve this goal	12/19/2019 5:43 AM
560	There are a lot of pets that need long term medication that the owner cannot administer as a tablet or capsule. They need a liquid option. Also, medications only come in certain sizes and using those sizes requires 1/8 of a tablet for certain sized animals which is impossible to do.	12/19/2019 5:41 AM
561	Dealing with exotic animals and the various sizes and dosages that are necessary for successful treatment, sometimes compounding medications is the only way it can be done.	12/19/2019 5:40 AM
562	We use them in our practice all of the time--without them, it would be difficult to treat our cases.	12/19/2019 3:40 AM
563	If it was not for compounded medications a lot of animals I treated would not be able to have the proper medication, especially smaller pets where the dose would not be available due to the larger dose of current market medication. There many medications that are no longer on the market due to many reasons that can be compounded and are safe for animals and essential for their treatment.	12/19/2019 2:03 AM
564	Many human medications are used for small animals in an extra-label fashion. These medications are not in dosage forms that are applicable to small animals, and therefore compounding is essentially important for vets to continue to help companion animals.	12/19/2019 12:00 AM
565	It is an integral part of our practice	12/18/2019 11:44 PM
566	There are not a lot of choices to chose from for many compounded preparations currently.	12/18/2019 11:42 PM
567	Compounded medications are often the only way to get certain medications, due to manufacturer back orders of commercial medications or lack of commercial preparations at all.	12/18/2019 10:57 PM
568	I use compounded products almost daily	12/18/2019 10:40 PM
569	Many of the meds I use for small or extra large dogs and horses are only available as compounded meds. Restricting medicine sourcing of compounded meds will end up removing access to treatment for non-typical patients and can lead to premature death or extended suffering from disease.	12/18/2019 10:23 PM
570	Analgesics and antibiotics day of!	12/18/2019 9:42 PM
571	This is a critical part of our practice to supply various discontinued drugs, reformulations of drugs to special body sizes, or to accommodate administration preferences. Without compounding of a great number of Rx's our practice and patient population would suffer considerably.	12/18/2019 9:37 PM
572	Compounded medications are essential to veterinary medicine - many of our patients are too small, or too finicky, to take medications that aren't compounded to suit their needs.	12/18/2019 9:36 PM
573	I need to have the ability to have different formulations and much smaller doses for my patients which can not be found in human medicine.	12/18/2019 9:35 PM
574	Animals come in a wide range of sizes and temperaments. In order to medicate properly it is	12/18/2019 9:24 PM

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sometimes necessary to use a non-standard dose or form of administration. In difficult patients it can be necessary to only have to administer medication one time in a tasty, alternative form than the original ones rather than multiple medications in several different forms multiple times per day. Many times owner compliance is the issue when owners are unable to administer for instance a tablet but are fine with a flavored liquid. These situations occur on almost a daily basis.

575	Some animals are non-compliant patients and compounding medications make it easy to treat our patients. Liquid suspensions, transdermal gels, flavored tablets etc all make it possible for us to treat our patients.	12/18/2019 9:14 PM
576	I have special interest in cervid medicine. 98% of my practice. There are only 2 labeled products for their treatment. Xylazine and Ivomec. For humane handling and treatment, we have to have compound meds especially when we tranquilizer by dart or treat by a projectile dart	12/18/2019 8:50 PM
577	Many pets cannot take or will not take standard formulations of medications. Transdermals and liquids are an important option.	12/18/2019 8:43 PM
578	Medications for small patients must be compounded as conventional medications are often not able to be split to accommodate our smaller patients dosage requirements. This is vitally important for younger animals for treatment for diarrhea to prevent dehydration and potentially death! Also true for patients who are growing and rely on increasing dosages as they increase in weight. Veterinarians often treat a variety of patients (different species including exotics) who do not always fit the conventional size or method of delivery. Many of our dog and cat patients are unable to take pills by mouth making flavored liquid compounded meds vital as well as compounded transdermal and other preparations. Please don't take away the tools we have to treat our multitude of patients of all sizes and species!	12/18/2019 8:13 PM
579	I am treating 2 Standard Poodles owned by the same owner that have Addison's disease. For the larger of the 2 dogs (80#), it would cost approximately \$250 a month to treat with the injection for Addisons. The Florinef tabs (only available in .1 mg) would require 10 tablets twice daily. This would come to about \$600 a month. I am able to buy compounded 1 mg Fludrocortisone capsules from Wedgewood pharmacy at \$66 for 100. This treats the dog for 50 days. The smaller dog (50#) has the same comparables. Having the ability to get the compounded Fludrocortisone makes it possible for this client to treat these 2 dogs for this life threatening condition.	12/18/2019 8:10 PM
580	Many of our patients are too small to use commercially available formulations. Often available formulations contain ingredients that are toxic to our patients (Xyaltol.) In general we use older drugs that are not as profitable as newer drugs for pharmaceutical companies, so they become unavailable or go on back order until another company chooses to produce them. Many of our patients are difficult for owners to safely medicate using existing formulations and an alternative is needed (liquid and transdermal formulations.) Many commercially available products have too broad a spread of dosage forms making one size too low a dose, and one size too high a dose, so having a liquid formulation allows us to fine tune a dosage to our patients' needs. There are some medications that are not currently commercially available (tacrolimus ophthalmic drops.)	12/18/2019 8:01 PM
581	For cats and small dogs where there needs to be flavoring or creating accurate small doses, compounding is the only way to treat these patients.	12/18/2019 8:00 PM
582	There are multiple times when a veterinary patient needs a smaller dose of a medication than is commercially available. Also veterinary patients can be challenging to administer oral medications to and compounding pharmacy are able to cover up a bitter flavored medication with more palatable flavors.	12/18/2019 7:46 PM
583	Several medications are not commercially available in the dosage or formulation that is needed for the various sizes and biologies of veterinary patients.	12/18/2019 7:45 PM
584	Some patient I am unable to treat without reasonably priced compounded medications.	12/18/2019 7:44 PM
585	Many drugs we use, especially in cats and kittens, are not labeled for that species or do not come in doses appropriate for their small size. Additionally, commercial drugs intended for humans often have flavorings such as xylitol that are dangerous to pets. In such cases, even if there is an appropriate dose for a pet, it can't be used. In such cases, compounding is the only choice and it must be compounded from a bulk source that does not contain xylitol or other products dangerous to pets.	12/18/2019 7:30 PM

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586	I'm a mobile vet that only keeps a tiny inventory of drugs. Compounding is a large part of how I prescribe meds for dogs and cats.	12/18/2019 7:21 PM
587	As an exotic veterinarian, there are no drugs labeled or dosed small enough to treat many of my patients	12/18/2019 7:14 PM
588	Many medicines necessary for life saving treatments of many diseases and conditions can only be dosed by compounding medications. We treat species that vary in size from a few ounces to a few hundred pounds.	12/18/2019 6:59 PM
589	With the varying size of veterinary patients it is imperative to have access to quality compounded drugs.	12/18/2019 6:57 PM
590	There are many conditions in which I prescribe compounded medications due to extreme variation in patient size. The proprietary sizes available are often not appropriate.	12/18/2019 6:52 PM
591	Lack of access to similar human products due to pharmacist denial to fill or appropriate strength in formulation that is needed for animal use.	12/18/2019 6:41 PM
592	As a mobile vet, I see a large number of cats and dogs who are fractious and whose owner's cannot give tablets or capsules, the transdermal medications are a godsend for many of our clients. They allow our clients to be able to treat their pets and alleviate their pain and suffering. In addition, there are many medications that are not manufactured in small enough dosages for our smaller dogs and cats. Compounding medications allows us to tailor medications to these smaller patients. Without this option, we may not be able to treat our patients as there are so many human medications that we use that have no veterinary labeled equivalents.	12/18/2019 6:39 PM
593	Compounded medications are mandatory in veterinary medicine.	12/18/2019 6:29 PM
594	We rely very heavily on compounded medications to be able to treat a large portion of our patients because we see such a variety of species/sizes.	12/18/2019 6:27 PM
595	Due to the varying sizes of animals, particularly ones so small it can be hard to accurately dose these pets. Having access to compounding pharmacies and medications allows us to provide accurate dosing to our client's pet and minimize risks of overdosing and allow us to treat our patients effectively.	12/18/2019 6:22 PM
596	compounded medications are an absolute must when commercially available drugs are not suitable in strength, size or form to successfully treat our non-food producing animal population	12/18/2019 6:09 PM
597	We are an oncology specialty practice and there are compounded medications that are unavailable to our patients in any other way. There also are frequent disruptions to manufacturing of certain chemotherapeutics. Without a compounding option our patients would have to go without. Our patients don't have the time to wait until manufacturing of medications gets back on track, they will likely be dead at the speed this often occurs.	12/18/2019 6:07 PM
598	There are multiple drugs in all companion animal species which do not come in a strength or a delivery form which can be used in every animal due to differences in size/weight, species and patient cooperation. In addition we treat many exotic species where there are NO approved drugs labelled for use. We prescribe compounded medications daily!	12/18/2019 6:00 PM
599	Many compounded medications are cheaper and more easily accesible to owners.	12/18/2019 5:51 PM
600	many of the ophthalmic drugs i need are only available by compounding	12/18/2019 5:49 PM
601	I wholeheartedly believe that compounded medications are vital for veterinarians to be able to accurately dose essential medications to the smallest of our patients. It also helps us and pet owners dose pets that are not amenable to taking an unflavored pill or liquid.	12/18/2019 5:46 PM
602	I have an exclusively equine practice, and many effective medications for use in horses are not available in forms that can be administered to a horse, because of taste, palatability or volume and convenience. Without compounded medications, many of my clients would not be able to administer life-saving medications to their horses.	12/18/2019 5:36 PM
603	There are medications or preparations of medications not available labelled for horses, but recognized as being very useful in horses	12/18/2019 5:34 PM
604	When we deal with very small pets compounds are often the only way to correctly dose	12/18/2019 5:33 PM
605	Patients vary significantly in size and demeanor. It is crucial to have options available to allow	12/18/2019 5:24 PM

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the owner to treat their pet in a manner that they can both live with. There are a lot of the FDA approved formulations of medications that are impossible to dose appropriately to very small or large patients. Compounded medications solve so many of these issues.

606	Especially for cats, but also dogs, compounded medications that can be delivered in a flavored tablet or liquid are vital to owner compliance with the administration of the active ingredient. This goes for transdermal preparations as well. The members of the FDA should consider how vital it is to administer medications to our pets in as friendly way as possible. This is important. Many of our client cats in, particular, rely on compounded medications.	12/18/2019 5:21 PM
607	Especially with the status of Vetmedin, we are totally relying on pimobendan from a compounding pharmacy to keep our heart failure patients on the drug.	12/18/2019 5:16 PM
608	So many drugs have been on back order lately or are being discontinued which are needed to provide proper care for our patients. Also many pets can not be medicated by tradition means.	12/18/2019 4:57 PM
609	There are many medications, especially for felines, that are only available in compounded formulas. Taking these medications away will harm my patients and limit the care they receive.	12/18/2019 4:50 PM
610	especially with feline patient that are difficult to medicate	12/18/2019 4:44 PM
611	I frequently use compounded medications to treat small exotic pets that are too small to be dosed with available commercial formulations. Compounded formulations are also helpful in transdermal preparations of many common medications when animals are difficult to medicate orally, such as transdermal methimazole in cats .	12/18/2019 4:38 PM
612	Compounded meds are vitally important to my practice as many meds do not come in a formulation at a small enough dose for my patients or in an easily administable form for he clients to give to their pet. Cats are a prime example of patients that need many things compounded	12/18/2019 4:28 PM
613	There are drugs that become unavailable or are not available in a size or flavor necessary. These are life saving drugs for these animals. compounded drugs are very important	12/18/2019 4:27 PM
614	It is nearly impossible to medicate some patients due to poor compliance (i.e. many feline patients). Compounded medications make some of the medications more palatable, which ensures my patients are actually able to get the medications that they so desperately need.	12/18/2019 4:22 PM
615	Compounded medication, especially in liquid or transdermal form, may mean the difference between life or death for small animals like cats who are notoriously difficult to treat with tablets- or tablets are too large to cut accurately to the correct dose. Compounded medications are essential to quality veterinary medicine.	12/18/2019 4:16 PM
616	There have been frequent shortages on drugs I use on a daily basis; at times compounds are the only option! Also some clients cant afford certain name brand drugs that can be, at times, life saving. Compounds often financially allow client to afford treatment when otherwise patient would suffer.	12/18/2019 4:12 PM
617	Lots of clients have great difficulty in medicating their pets. Cats and small dogs are particularly difficult to medicate. Our clinic does a lot of rescue work, especially for kittens. Since the kittens are so very small, they need amounts of medication that can accurately only come from compounding. If we lose compounded medication, many many animals will suffer needlessly because they cannot accurately get the right medications they need in the amounts they need.	12/18/2019 4:12 PM
618	Many instances industry drugs are not available, are not in the proper concentration for use in the horse or are not affordable making compounded medicines the only option for treating certain maladies in the horse.	12/18/2019 4:07 PM
619	Compounded medications in the form of transdermal gels and liquids for oral dosing are crucial to delivering therapy to my hard-to-medicate patients (especially cats). Enrofloxacin, fluoxetine, cetirizine, amitriptyline, and methimazole are examples of compounded transdermal gels without which I would find my practice seriously impaired; doxycycline, cisapride, and enrofloxacin as compounded oral solutions have also proved valuable. MANY owners have been grateful to have easier dosing options for their cats. Being able purchase such medications as theophylline (which is all but unavailable from any source but compounding pharmacies) is another reason for which compounding pharmacies are critical to my veterinary practice. Additionally, compounding pharmacies make it possible for me to prescribe veterinary medications in the small dose sizes necessary for cats and small dogs; commercial	12/18/2019 3:59 PM

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pharmaceutical companies do not always produce the necessarily small sizes of tablets or capsules (e.g. doxycycline 25 mg) to treat my smaller patients.

620	need to have access to different modalities of administering medications	12/18/2019 3:57 PM
621	For both small animal and large animal species is very important. Exotic species absolutely vital. Most of our medications are prepared for humans and crossover into the animal world. Large animal medications are the same medication only in larger bottles. We need more concentrated medications not larger volumes and NOTHING is prepared for exotics.	12/18/2019 3:57 PM
622	Dog dosing of doxycycline is much higher than human; giving 3 capsules twice a day is very difficult for owners of large dogs and having compounded 300 mg doxycycline increases compliance and allows good treatment protocols for many skin and rickettsial infections. Many cats will not take long-term medication by volunteering to eat it and owners giving daily meds have a difficult time "pilling" cats and not creating esophageal strictures. Transdermal and "tinytab" medications are truly miraculous for our cat owners! As a veterinarian I would hate to have to tell an owner the drug their pet needs is one I know they will struggle to be compliant in administration!	12/18/2019 3:57 PM
623	I personally have medication compounded for my housecat, without which it would be impossible to medicate her! I use compounded medication on a daily basis in my practice.	12/18/2019 3:55 PM
624	These compounded medications are CRUCIAL to pets' wellbeing!! I have been in practice for 33 years. There has NEVER been a time when I have seen so many medications that are backordered as in the past 10 years. Despite the various reasons, and added expenses, many drugs are unavailable for long periods of time. Some older human medications work better than newer ones in pets. LET US USE OUR TRAINING for the BETTERMENT of OUR PATIENTS!!!	12/18/2019 3:50 PM
625	California compound pharmacies rarely have what our clients need. Getting the strengths is difficult if not impossible and prices are expensive!	12/18/2019 3:38 PM
626	Cats are tough to medicate. We need all sorts of available formulations. Pills, capsules, transdermals, flavored liquids. If you don't have a cat - ask your friends that do!	12/18/2019 3:33 PM
627	IT is impossible for some pet parent to administer medications properly to a pet on some forms available on the market.	12/18/2019 3:24 PM
628	I practice in a shelter where compounding medications for small patients is vital to what I do every day.	12/18/2019 3:23 PM
629	Some medicines only available through compounding, like Cisapride.	12/18/2019 3:23 PM
630	A large number of the drugs I prescribe my patients do not come in a size that is safe for my canine and feline patients and compounding allows for me to still prescribe life altering medications for patients	12/18/2019 3:11 PM
631	We use compounded medications for a variety of reasons; some medications are just not regularly available over the counter any more (DES, ECP etc), other times method of administration is limited unless the medication is compounded (using transdermal products for cats, flavored liquids and tabs for difficult to medicate animals).	12/18/2019 3:07 PM
632	I work with exotic animals of small size where there are no licensed medications for hamsters/rats/ferrets/guinea pigs. It is helpful to be able to get compounding medications. With cats the formulations can help make medicating easier. I have a number of cats that use the topical ear methimazole because then the owner does not need to fight with the cat.	12/18/2019 3:04 PM
633	We use and prescribe compounded medications multiple times per day. Our ability to practice veterinary medicine at the level we due is largely because of compounded pharmaceuticals.	12/18/2019 3:03 PM
634	Some medications are not available, or not available in a form the owner can administer. It is vital that we retain access to compounded medications and may cost pet lives if we don't.	12/18/2019 3:00 PM
635	Many drugs we use on a daily basis are human drugs and not available commercially in a size/form convenient or palatable to our patients. Reducing what we can compound will make an already difficult task of treating animals effectively, even worse.	12/18/2019 2:56 PM
636	I don't use compounded meds on a whim or to try to get less expensive meds. I use compounded meds for very specific situations when there isn't a product that I can order more easily, and often less expensively, from my regular distributor that fits the situation. Examples include drugs that are not available through my distributor (e.g. stanozolol, which I find very	12/18/2019 2:54 PM

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helpful for geriatric animals and cancer patients that are losing muscle mass) and formulations that are not available through my distributor (e.g. transdermal methimazole for a hyperthyroid cat that's IMPOSSIBLE for his owner to pill). There is nothing comparable to compounded meds for these problems and countless others in veterinary medicine! It's very frustrating to have NOTHING to offer a client to help their animal, and that's exactly what will happen if these compounded products are not available to me.

637	I have a cat and small mammal practice. Having alternative forms of common medications is critically important to my practice as we have many drugs to not come in a form other than a tablet. This can be difficult to get into a cat and impossible to get into a small mammal. To decrease the list of drugs that can be compounded would make it impossible for me to treat many common conditions and a lot of uncommon ones.	12/18/2019 2:53 PM
638	Our specialty clients (Internal Medicine, Oncology) rely heavily on the use of compounded medications. Medications such as Budesonide must be compounded as the proprietary versions available are too concentrated for our patients.	12/18/2019 2:53 PM
639	We must frequently have medications compounded in order to achieve correct dosing for small animals and also to have medication in forms that allow for owner compliance with treatments	12/18/2019 2:51 PM
640	Would be VERY difficult to practice without availability of some of these products.	12/18/2019 2:49 PM
641	We deal exclusively with injured native wildlife, predominantly birds, some on the Threatened or Endangered list. We rely on compounded formulations to provide urgent care for poisoning, pain due to trauma, and unusual life-threatening parasites such as avian malaria. Compounded drugs give safe, small doses for our various species in the 20 g-6 kg size range.	12/18/2019 2:48 PM
642	Small animals: birds, ferrets, small rodents, cats and dogs and wildlife cannot be medicated accurately or effectively without the ability to compound medications for them.	12/18/2019 2:46 PM
643	Some medications that we use are not produced commercially (Tacrolimus ophthalmic, cisapride), are not made in a size to fit our smallest patients , or are not made in a form that owners can get into their animals (transdermal methimazole, oral buprenorphine, liquid aspirin, etc.) These medications are life-changing and in some cases life-saving!	12/18/2019 2:46 PM
644	Compounded medications allow veterinarians to give patients proper dosage in many cases where mass produced medications do not have the strengths and/or dosage form that our smallest patients need.	12/18/2019 2:44 PM
645	Critical for quality of life	12/18/2019 2:43 PM
646	Given the range of weights in the species we deal with, it can be very hard to find medication at the dose we need. Compounding allows us to do that as well as use different dosage forms to help medicate difficult pets.	12/18/2019 2:37 PM
647	As a veterinarian who sees a large caseload of exotic species, access to compounded medications is extremely important as most medications made for cats and dogs do not come in a strength small enough for rabbits, guinea pigs, birds, etc.	12/18/2019 2:37 PM
648	Sometimes there are not formulations that can be given to cats, pocket pets, birds or even very small dogs.	12/18/2019 2:35 PM
649	Being able to get the compounded drugs that our clients need is very important to their pets health and we put their pet's health first.	12/18/2019 2:32 PM
650	Daily need	12/18/2019 2:30 PM
651	Compounded medications are critical to the practice of veterinary medicine particularly for exotic and zoo animals	12/18/2019 2:29 PM
652	Given the state of most drug manufacturers in which there are numerous back orders and/or limitations of products. Without compounding pharmacies many patients would not have access to medications that they need to alleviate pain and suffering. Also compounding pharmacies allow for different modalities to give a product to the patient-this is huge in veterinary medicine as compared to human medicine. Some people cannot give a cat a medication by mouth but are able to apply a dermal medication-thus the patient receives proper care for their ailment.	12/18/2019 2:27 PM
653	We are a high volume spay and neuter clinic.	12/18/2019 2:24 PM
654	Give the high variability in drug availability compounding medications is highly important to our	12/18/2019 2:24 PM

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practices' ability to deliver the best care for our patients.

655	Our pets are small and human formulations May be too excessive a dose	12/18/2019 2:23 PM
656	Having access to medications that fit our patient's needs and appropriate dosing is vital to their health. To be able to get medications in different administering choices than commercially available is sometime vital for owner to be able to comply with care.	12/18/2019 2:23 PM
657	Many of our patients are small, difficult to medicate orally, or require a formulation that does not exist commercially (i.e. oral suspension or chewable).	12/18/2019 2:20 PM
658	We need access to smaller doses for our tiny patients. We need liquid form when pills are not able to be given.	12/18/2019 2:19 PM
659	There is an abundance of equine medications that are only available in compounded form that are essential to everyday practice.	12/18/2019 2:15 PM
660	The availability of compounded medications expands by a large margin the accessibility of drugs available to pet owners. The proposal before the FDA would cripple access to many compounds and significantly increase the cost to clients.	12/18/2019 2:13 PM
661	We have pets whose weights, taste preferences, and temperaments warrant compounded medications. Otherwise, medicating the pet would turn into a battle, damaging not only the pet's health, but the relationship between the pet and the owner. I would be concerned about increased euthanasia rates.	12/18/2019 2:10 PM
662	Most cats are hard to pill by owners, some pets will reject medications due to taste, compounding of meds in different flavors is very helpful and makes easy administration by owners. With compounding we can achieve specific doses, some pets are small breeds and some medications are not available in smaller doses.	12/18/2019 2:10 PM
663	Many of our patients are too small for the drugs available & we need to be able to have an accurate option for proper dosing.	12/18/2019 2:09 PM
664	Many of the drugs we need are not available except through compounding. Also many of the drugs have to be compounded because of the dose we have to give	12/18/2019 2:08 PM
665	Dosing and formulation of commercially available medications often precludes our ability to treat patients. Being able to compound medications is paramount to the success of our patients.	12/18/2019 2:07 PM
666	The variance in size of patients in veterinary medicine and how well they cooperate with medicine administration mandates our need to have access to compounded medications!	12/18/2019 2:07 PM
667	As a Specialty and Emergency practice, it is a VITAL service we have to be able to offer much needed compounded medications to our patients. We cannot express enough how much this would hurt the quality of care for our patients if we were not able to provide compounded medications.	12/18/2019 2:01 PM
668	compounded medications help us deal with difficult to medicate patients and patients who dont fit into the box size wise for available products. Not to mention endless shortages	12/18/2019 1:59 PM
669	Sometime only way to get certain drugs, non compounded options may not be economically possible for some clients	12/18/2019 1:58 PM
670	We have many tiny animals, animals that need specific compounds. Your products make our jobs much easier.	12/18/2019 1:58 PM
671	As a referral hospital, certain compounded medications are necessary for treatment of animal disease. Access to these medications promptly is important for patient outcome including relief of suffering and survival. As an example, orthopedic infections in horses can have a fatal outcome or result in lifelong pain for the horse if not treated promptly.	12/18/2019 1:58 PM
672	Compounded medications are often the only option available for a patient.	12/18/2019 1:57 PM
673	Some drugs are not available in a size or formulation that works for our patients. Without this ability, many patients would go without proper treatment.	12/18/2019 1:55 PM
674	As a veterinarian that only sees cats, I rely heavily on compounded medications to get dosages of products that aren't manufactured in a small enough size. Also, my patients can be a	12/18/2019 1:55 PM

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challenge to medicate; compounding provides me with alternative avenues of medications that aren't available commercially.

675	It can be life saving and improve quality of life to patients.	12/18/2019 1:52 PM
676	It is important for patient care that we are able to offer medications in a variety of forms. Not every pet can easily take a pill or tablet and in order for our clients to be able to follow recommendations made by their veterinarian it is imperative that we are able to offer compounded options.	12/18/2019 1:48 PM
677	Many medications must be formulated based on the size and species of pet and those forms are not readily available. Since most medications used in companion animals (dogs, cats, rodents, etc.) are also used in human medicine, these medications are formulated in doses that many not be readily available in small enough doses to accommodate pets or in palatable forms that are readily accepted by pets. Compounding pharmacies are crucial for veterinarians to have access to medications for customers pets. In today's society, pets are viewed by many as family members. If we as veterinarians cannot treat our patients appropriately, many people will likely ask politicians why they are depriving their "loved ones" the necessary medicines to treat their pets.	12/18/2019 1:48 PM
678	Sometimes compounded medications are the only option I have for treatment of my patients.	12/18/2019 1:47 PM
679	Many of my patients need a medication dose that is well below the smallest available tablet size, or even a fraction of the smallest available size. Additionally, some of my patients are fractious or non cooperative and need an alternate formulation of a medication- usually a tablet or capsule into a liquid. I literally use compounded medications every day, multiple times, and could not practice effectively without them	12/18/2019 1:45 PM
680	Compounded medications are vital to veterinary practices. To getting the medications we need to treat patients to helping keep our costs down for our patients, most practices could not run smoothly without access to compounded medications.	12/18/2019 1:43 PM
681	Being able to dispense small or large amounts of liquid medication or tiny pills to give to our patients is essential for home care of many things like pain and disease.	12/18/2019 1:41 PM
682	The pharmaceutical industry does not want to manufacture a particular drug for use in the horse industry, unless they can make a big profit on it. Some of these drugs that we get from compounding companies such as your self have not been available for years, but is needed for use to give quality care to the horses in our practice. Or the product that is on the market the horse will not eat in his food hence we order one that they will form the compounding companies. Some of these products need to be on our shelf ready to dispense, as a special order takes to long. After all its not like the MD writing a scrip for a humans that can be filled at several drug sores in every town with in 1 hour. We Veterinarians are the pharmacy for our clients horses.	12/18/2019 1:41 PM
683	It is very important that we have access to compounded medications especially since there have been shortages. Our patients need these medications.	12/18/2019 1:39 PM
684	I am in an animal shelter, it is imperative that I have access to compounded meds for ease of administration to a large population of dogs and cats.	12/18/2019 1:37 PM
685	Esp with smaller dogs and cats having compounded meds of sizing more appropriate to them is so helpful. Sometimes you can't do a tenth of a tablet.	12/18/2019 1:37 PM
686	In the present times of unrelenting drug recalls it is imperative that veterinarians have access to these essential drugs via compounding pharmacies. Also many drugs are not 'approved' for the species they are needed to be used in. Having access to these drugs in forms that can be used in the particular animal is very important. Also some drugs are not commercially available in the strengths needed. I have a small patient on a 4.5mg dose of phenobarbital. Find me a commercial product can be used for that dog!	12/18/2019 1:34 PM
687	There are some medications that go on backorder that are critical for survival of my patients. The o my way for me to access these is through compounding. In addition some cats/owners need "flavor" to their medication so they are able to actually medicate their pet.	12/18/2019 1:33 PM
688	There are many medications that are not approved for use in animals (i.e. human drugs) that we use every day. Since they are human drugs the dosage forms we need may not be available. Without being able to compound these drugs easily and at a reasonable cost many animals would suffer. There are also many that would be euthanized if the drugs weren't	12/18/2019 1:33 PM

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available at a reasonable cost. In the human field you can't euthanize someone because of cost, in the veterinary field it is a consideration.

689	This is essential to provide appropriate chemotherapy doses for my cancer patients and provides necessary access during potentially life threatening drug shortages	12/18/2019 1:31 PM
690	Often times drugs go on back order and are needed to treat patients. Also different dosage sizes are necessary for certain patients that are not available otherwise from a compounding pharmacy	12/18/2019 1:28 PM
691	We use compounded medications on a daily basis in our practice.	12/18/2019 1:26 PM
692	Compounded medications expands the possibilities of dosages to special needs animals with specific medication needs.	12/18/2019 1:23 PM
693	There are many medications I need in the treatments of pets that do not have FDA approved products in the correct size or form for my patients. Cats in particular have few FDA approved medications and are often in sizes or flavors that are unacceptable to the species.	12/18/2019 1:23 PM
694	Caring and treating for zoological species, often endangered or critically endangered species, we need access to many drugs that are not available as manufactured products. Every day we use compounded medicine to care for our diverse animals. Many are in US Fish and Wildlife Recovery Programs and critically endangered, like the Attwater's prairie-chicken and the red wolf, some, like the scimitar-horned oryx have been reintroduced to Chad recently, reestablishing this formerly extinct in the wild species to their native habitat. Not having access to compounded medications would severely and negatively impact on the care, medicine, health and ultimately the survival of these species.	12/18/2019 1:21 PM
695	There are some owners that are unable to administer the drugs to their pet in it's original form. It destroys the human-animal bond and the patient does not receive the medication as needed. Additionally, some formulations are not available in the dosage that smaller patients need and would present a significant problem if unavailable.	12/18/2019 1:19 PM
696	We need to be able to dispense the best medication for our patients when needed	12/18/2019 1:17 PM
697	Small animal patients often need different formulations or doses of medications due to their size and or difficulty in administering certain forms of medication.	12/18/2019 1:14 PM
698	It would essentially be impossible to treat some patients	12/18/2019 1:14 PM
699	Our practice uses compounded medications for many, many patients. Compounded medications greatly increase the ease of administration of medications to our patients as well as owner compliance in giving medications.	12/18/2019 1:11 PM
700	There are certain medications that are not available to sized to an appropriate dose without being compounded or to a formulation that an owner can correctly give to a patient.	12/18/2019 1:11 PM
701	Without compounded medications we will be lacking in having multiple approaches in medicating our patients. They are not human, they do not understand the needs for medications. Having specialty compounded liquids, long acting dermal medications as well as trans dermal medications makes a huge difference for both the pet owner and patient.	12/18/2019 1:10 PM
702	There are a few drugs that are not available through regular pharmacies or are too costly for some of our small patients. Access to these drugs is vital to keep our patients happy and comfortable.	12/18/2019 1:09 PM
703	Due to the varying sizes in canines and felines, compounded medications are essential for treating these species.	12/18/2019 1:07 PM
704	We use compounded medications frequently for conditions for which there's no commercially-available medication and for our many patients who are too small for commercially-available medication doses.	12/18/2019 1:07 PM
705	There are many drugs we use that are not otherwise available. This may be due to appropriate dose, route, flavoring. Many drugs have had supply issues and are not available.	12/18/2019 1:05 PM
706	Stop trying to make decisions for medical professionals. I am quite capable of deciding what is best for my patients, and you have no right to interfere! Back off!	12/18/2019 1:04 PM
707	Many medications are not available in commercial form or because of their use on the human	12/18/2019 1:03 PM

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side are cost prohibitive to our clients. I implore Congress to not institute measures which render our hands to be tied and not be able to save animal lives.

708	We often have to turn to compounding pharmacies to find a form of medication to be able to administer the medication to our patients.	12/18/2019 1:03 PM
709	Die We have patients that would have a substantially diminished quality of life or even die without these drugs.	12/18/2019 1:02 PM
710	Unfortunately all drugs are not available in all the of sizes needed for animals. Also not every animal will take pills or capsules and having them available in chews and liquid is invaluable.	12/18/2019 1:01 PM
711	Abundant circumstances where commercially available formulations or products are much too high of a dose to administer to our veterinary patients, or cannot be administered in tablet formulations due to well-documented adverse effects with tablet form.	12/18/2019 1:01 PM
712	Having access to compounded medications is crucial to treating our small pets. This is especially the case when trying to treat pain.	12/18/2019 1:00 PM
713	We see a lot of exotics and most medications, such as liquid baytril and metronidazole need to be compounded due to the size of the species - birds, reptiles, small mammals. Not having medications to start treatment immediately will be a problem.	12/18/2019 1:00 PM
714	Compounding is critical in several instances. Certain medications are only available in small enough doses when compounded, some medications cost 10, 20 or 30 TIMES more when not compounded, putting their use out of reach for many clients; and some medications are only available in liquid oral formulations when compounded.	12/18/2019 1:00 PM
715	We see a lot of cats and some exotics. We would have a very hard time adequately providing for these patients without compounded medications. Drug companies are NEVER going to spend the money to get veterinary products approved by the FDA for less common diseases. Am I just supposed to tell my clients, "Sorry Mrs. Jones, Fluffy really needs this medication to be happy and healthy but the FDA decided it's a danger to someone to have it compounded, so your pet has to do without." The FDA is so arbitrary about it's decisions. They don't understand veterinary medicine to a large extent. They don't understand the intricacies or the economics.	12/18/2019 12:59 PM
716	We use compounded medications on a daily basis. We treat many small exotics and standard medications are no suitable for treating birds, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs, etc.	12/18/2019 12:51 PM
717	These are especially important for smaller patients and exotics as most commercially available products are impossible to dose accurately for their small size. This can also be true for larger breed dogs where the amount of commercially available product that they would need to take to be dosed is prohibitive	12/18/2019 12:51 PM
718	Due to the overwhelming obstacles we have in getting the right dose and tolerated formulation for the variety in our patients, this is the route we seek when other options do not exist or work.	12/18/2019 12:51 PM
719	It is a critical service, especially for smaller patients whom we cannot dose properly with human sized tablets, capsules, etc.	12/18/2019 12:50 PM
720	There are multiple ophthalmic drugs out there that are unavailable to veterinarians and compounding is the only way we can access medications to treat our patients and give them comfort	12/18/2019 12:50 PM
721	I work exclusively in exotics. Nearly all of our medications are compounded.	12/18/2019 12:48 PM
722	The availability of compounded medications is very important to our practice. They can get smaller milligrams of medication and make it more palatable with flavors.	12/18/2019 12:48 PM
723	Dealing with exotic and companion animals there are often cases in which the FDA approved drugs are not available or are of a strength or delivery method that are not suitable or able to be given to the animal by the owner.	12/18/2019 12:46 PM
724	Our profession is often subject to drug shortages, recalls and other manufacturing issues. I rely on several compounded products to provide clients with the medications their animals require. I am not sure what other source we will have access to, if any, should compounding become more burdensome.	12/18/2019 12:45 PM
725	Compounding allows availability of forms and strengths of medications that are otherwise not available.	12/18/2019 12:45 PM

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726	Animals are not people - we cannot hand them a pill and glass of water and tell them to swallow the medication. Many owners rely on compounded medications in order to administer medications, many of which are life-saving, in forms that are easily administrable and/or palatable to their pets. Many animals would suffer from lack of or poor medication compliance because their owners are simply unable to administer standard preparations of medications to them. This guidance would essentially take away our ability to appropriately medicate a large number of animals.	12/18/2019 12:45 PM
727	When we are not able to purchase the medications that our patients need, the ability to compound is imperative to their health and possibly their survival.	12/18/2019 12:44 PM
728	With the constantly expanding list of medications that are on indefinite backorder my practice is constantly in need of appropriate alternatives.	12/18/2019 12:44 PM
729	We are a shelter and use large amounts of medications. Its nice to save money with compounded meds.	12/18/2019 12:43 PM
730	The ability to compound medications is vital in veterinary medicine. Cats and pocket pets in particular are often too small to dose appropriately with the available standard medications, plus it is often very difficult to impossible to administer oral medications in these species if those medications are not palatable.	12/18/2019 12:40 PM
731	We us products such as Gabapentin for post-operative pain management. If we did not have access to this drug, we would not be able to provide adequate pain relief. We also use Apomorphine to induce emesis on canines that ingest toxic materials. Without this drug readily available to the practice, we may not be able to save our patients. This is a drug that we must have available in the clinic for emergencies. Inducing emesis to prevent toxic effects is something that cannot wait for a prescription. Every second counts in this instance.	12/18/2019 12:39 PM
732	Compounding allows us to specifically tailor medications for smaller animals or animals that require medications combined to allow for better Owner Compliance	12/18/2019 12:38 PM
733	Compounding medications allow us to keep our patients on the correct medications that are not readily available in the commercial marketplace	12/18/2019 12:38 PM
734	We have many patients whose sizes dont allow for practical or even possible use of commercially available medications. Having common compounded preparations available speeds patient treatment and recovery every single day we practice.	12/18/2019 12:38 PM
735	There are certain medication that can only be obtained through compounding pharmacies. To have these taken away would compromise patient care.	12/18/2019 12:35 PM
736	Compounded medication is a necessity in veterinary medicine. The wide variety of patient sizes and needs often requires unusual concentrations and preparations that simply aren't available commercially.	12/18/2019 12:34 PM
737	Many times we need to use medications that are only available for humans and are not of an appropriate size and need to be compounded for small dogs or cats.	12/18/2019 12:32 PM
738	Many commercial preparations are not appropriately sized or in formulations that work for our patients	12/18/2019 12:32 PM
739	I treat exotic pet so compounds are essential to my practice.	12/18/2019 12:31 PM
740	not all medication are able to be stocked in veterinary practices, especially in all the various forms/flavors/etc that are helpful to clients.	12/18/2019 12:30 PM
741	We do not utilize a lot of compounded medications, preferring to use commercially available options when possible. The items we use are not available in the form needed or impractical in the dose available.	12/18/2019 12:30 PM
742	Access to the current compounded medications is vital to our daily practice and the health and well being of both our patients and their owners who have to administer medication. Many of the preparations available to humans cannot be divided into appropriate dosing for our very small or very large patients. It is not nor will it ever be feasible for veterinary drug companies to develop and bring to market all the drugs we need for our patients, so compounding is the only way	12/18/2019 12:30 PM
743	We use compounded medications in our practice every day.	12/18/2019 12:29 PM

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744	Our clinic could not function properly without compounded drugs.	12/18/2019 12:28 PM
745	We are an oncology only practice and to deliver the proper dose for chemotherapy to our patients compounding is extremely important	12/18/2019 12:26 PM
746	For some diseases and treatments, compounded medications are the only good option. I could not practice nearly as effectively without them.	12/18/2019 12:24 PM
747	As a laboratory animal veterinarian, it is important to be able to compound drugs both for regular species as well as rodents, rabbits and non-human primates. Also important for experimental research.	12/18/2019 12:23 PM
748	Feline only practice, many non-compounded drugs are not available in appropriate dose size/ranges, also, life-saving oral medications can be very difficult, if not impossible, to administer if not compounded into palatable formulations	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
749	Accurate dosing, and drug availability for patient care is extremely important!!	12/18/2019 12:20 PM
750	No access to compounded medication would translate into the death and suffering of animals that are too small or too big to use conventional medication. Lack of compounded medication would tie the hands of veterinarians and prevent us from caring for our patients in the best way possible.	12/18/2019 12:20 PM
751	If this is taken away, many animals will not receive important medication and maintaining quality of life could be much more challenging. Just a few examples include when there isn't an adequate manufactured size available (typically small dogs and cats), when the animal will not take the medication for the owner (we have many patients that we've tried as well and it is literally impossible) - the flavored, high concentration liquids work wonders here, and when the compounded version is financially feasible for the owner but the manufactured product is too expensive.	12/18/2019 12:20 PM
752	Having access to a large variety of compounded medications is very important. There is great variation between species, but even intra-species variations such as weight, temperament, degree of illness all affect the ability to get a medication into an animal. Just because there are commercial preparations of a drug does not mean that my client can force a that pill down the throat of a fractious cat; or maybe a commercially prepared liquid medication causes my patient to froth at the mouth, but a compounded flavored suspension is well tolerated by the same patient. I believe that any and all medications should be available to compound into a different dosage or format to fit the needs of any particular patient.	12/18/2019 12:20 PM
753	I work with a diversity of species- from farm animal to wildlife used at a local university to laboratory animals. Compounded medications are essential for delivering the therapeutic medication by the least stressful route for the animal.	12/18/2019 12:19 PM
754	My access to compounded medications in the hospital ensures that my patients receive necessary medications NOW. It ensures there are no delays in treatment.	12/18/2019 12:19 PM
755	It's imperative that I have access to compounded medications. For instance physical inability to administer a tablet for compromise by patient(ex, injury) or client(ex, elderly). Liquid or transdermal gel have been lifesavers. Other examples is being able to compound medications for tiny dogs that are otherwise trying to 1/8 a pentagon formulated tablet or 200mg capsule contents. At this time I find it crucial to have a compounding pharmacy.	12/18/2019 12:18 PM
756	I work at a zoo with a variety of exotic animals that range in size from 5-10 grams to over 4,000 kilograms. Many of these animals are difficult to medicate, and compliance is a leading cause of treatment failure. I need the availability of a wide range of concentrations in a wide range of formulations to adequately treat the diversity of my patients.	12/18/2019 12:17 PM
757	Many minor species are not the focus of pharmaceutical companies and therefore few, if any, medications are labeled for use in these orphan species. Pharmaceutical companies get enough protections as is, let medical professionals continue to make treatment decisions based on scientific knowledge instead of the government making financially based decisions that favor corporations	12/18/2019 12:17 PM
758	Many of our patients are much too small for FDA approved available medications and we would be grossly overdosing and risking death to give these drugs. Many of our patients refuse to take certain oral medications and liquid suspensions are helping to save lives. IV access and hospitalization is very limited in exotic medicine so compounded medications are vital to their health.	12/18/2019 12:17 PM

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759	Many of my patients are too small for the drug sized commercially available.	12/18/2019 12:13 PM
760	There are many medications that we need compounded due to the size of our pt. For example we use compounded gabapentin for small dogs.	12/18/2019 12:13 PM
761	Important for backordered products as well as smaller pets and ability to get best formulation for meds	12/18/2019 12:13 PM
762	The ability to deliver medications in a form that is more easily administered for both horses and their owners is an integral part of our daily practice.	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
763	There are often times when product I need for my veterinary clinic is on back order and there are no alternatives. Having compounded medications available help us continue to treat our patients.	12/18/2019 12:11 PM
764	I cannot do my job without compounded medications. I feel this dramatically infringes on my self rights guaranteed in the Constitution!	12/18/2019 12:11 PM
765	We see many exotic animals and work with pet stores as well. Compounded medications are essential because the dosage sizes are not available normally for the very small patients we have. Many of our clients are also unable to give tablets or certain forms of medications to their animals at all, so compounded medications are important to them as well.	12/18/2019 12:08 PM
766	Compounding medications allows us to provide the best possible medical care to our patients. We can dictate precise dosages and make the medications more palatable for the patients which increases compliance.	12/18/2019 12:08 PM
767	Animals are dosed by size, commercial preparations don't always match size of animal. Animals won't always take medicine readily. Compounding flavored meds helps. Some medicines can be compounded together making it easier to dose finicky animals.	12/18/2019 12:07 PM
768	There are several drugs we use compounded forms of in-hospital. We had previously used compounded injectable methocarbamol for dogs with tremorogenic toxicities when standard injectable methocarbamol was very expensive and hard to get a hold of. We also use compounded injectable apomorphine extensively. Several drugs we prescribe are compounded for the client, such as buprenorphine for cats, prazosin for cats, fluoxetine for cats, erythromycin for dogs, etc.	12/18/2019 12:07 PM
769	I am a feline-exclusive veterinarian. Many of my patients need medications that are not available in cat-sized doses commercially, in tablets or capsules that cannot be divided into small enough doses with enough precision to be safe. Many others are former diabetics in remission, who must stay on a high-protein, zero-sugar diet to keep their blood glucose safe, and who need medications that are commercially available only in dog-friendly formulations with maltodextrins and such for flavorings that cats can't even taste. Others need medications that are not used for humans but are vitally important for cats. In these cases, the market may not be big enough for any large pharmaceutical corporation to bother manufacturing them. Without access to good compounding pharmacies, these cats and their owners would be left without life-saving help.	12/18/2019 12:07 PM
770	Compounded drugs are a life saver for pets (cats, dogs, "pocket pets") who are difficult to medicate with pills or liquids flavored with "kid-friendly" flavors. Many human medications don't come in dose sizes appropriate for pets. Animal medications also have a tendency to be on back order and unavailable. Being able to get compounded medications is a necessity for all of these problems.	12/18/2019 12:06 PM
771	We treat exotics and feline patients whose unique needs make it impossible to find preparations in low enough mg strengths and in preparations that they will readily take orally.	12/18/2019 12:06 PM
772	With all of the current medication shortages, compounded medications have become an essential part of treatment plans.	12/18/2019 12:05 PM
773	Not all patients take medications orally- having the access to compounded transermal,suspension and Mini-melt tabs make medication delivery possible for some patients	12/18/2019 12:04 PM
774	Without compounded medications, there are patients that otherwise cannot be treated at all for a wide variety of diseases and conditions. These animals either suffer with their condition or are euthanized.	12/18/2019 12:04 PM
775	 There are many drugs that I have compounded for me that I wouldn't even be able to give	12/18/2019 12:03 PM

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my patients if not for compounded drugs. A big reason is that there are no veterinary drugs available, and the human drugs comes in sizes that makes them impossible to use in my patients if it were not for compounding. Another reason, is that the strength of the veterinary drug is not what I need for the disease being treated. Another is I need a drug that can be made into an absorbable drug that can be rubbed into the ear flaps of cats...cats can be IMPOSSIBLE to dose orally!!!! Another reason is that the drug can be mixed with a tasty flavor that makes it possible to give a drug orally that otherwise would be spit out, often endangering the pet owner in the process. Another is that there are no veterinary drugs for certain animal diseases, and the animals would suffer and/or die without them. Compounded drugs are critical for my veterinary practice.

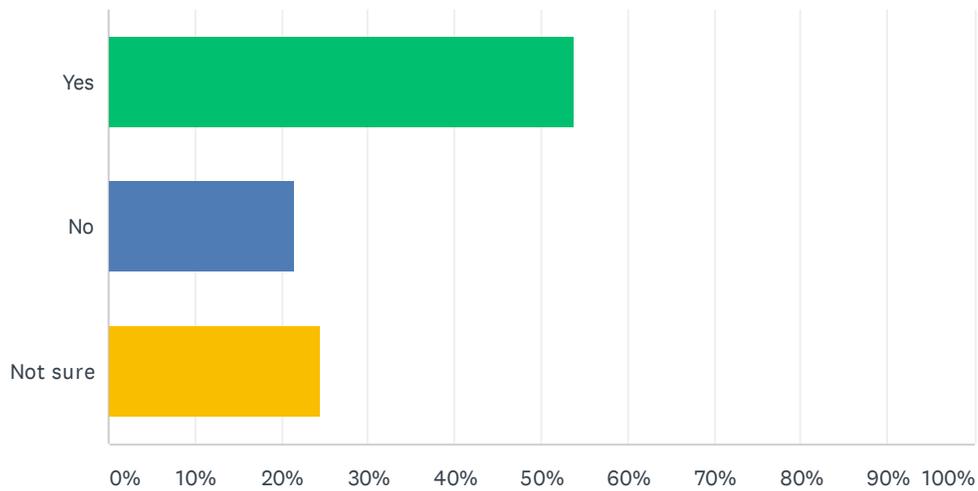
776	We could not provide the best care for our patients without being able to dispense medication to them to take home medication to initiate treatment immediately	12/18/2019 12:02 PM
777	We use compounded medications on a daily basis. Whether it is for cats or small dogs, we rely on the ability to offer medications in a liquid form or transdermal form.	12/18/2019 12:02 PM
778	There are medications that are not in available formulations that are needed and the only way to get it is through compounding.	12/18/2019 12:01 PM
779	Many patients are too small or too difficult to medicate without being able to tailor our dosing to their specific needs.	12/18/2019 12:00 PM
780	There are times where availability and dosing is impossible utilizing commercial human and veterinary products. Without compounding, we would be unable to adequately treat our patients!	12/18/2019 12:00 PM
781	I see a variety of species. For small exotic mammals, birds, and reptiles, an alternative to compounded medications does not exist.	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
782	Some compounded medications are essential to the health and well being of our patients. From infected ears to urinary incontinence, we better our patients and clients lives with compounded medications	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
783	There are circumstances when important medications are on backorder, such as Vetmedin, and we need compounded medications to give our patients.	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
784	Compounded medications allow us to weather manufacturer shortages and provide precise doses or palatable options for companion animals.	12/18/2019 11:57 AM
785	Many medications available on the market are not made in sizes that applicable to correct dosing of a wide variety of pets.	12/18/2019 11:57 AM
786	There are many situations where our smallest patients will have NO available medical option should compounding not be available.	12/18/2019 11:57 AM
787	Due to the size of our patients generic medication intended for human use is not always appropriate in concentration and dosage forms available.	12/18/2019 11:56 AM
788	I am an exotic veterinarian and commercially-available drug formulations are often not appropriate in form or concentration for my patients.	12/18/2019 11:56 AM
789	We have thousands of clients at our practice and every single case is different, patient and client alike. Some patients require such small doses that aren't available or need to be cut down so small that it would be difficult for the client or pharmacy technician to do manually. Injectable medications are even more difficult to come by in the proper dosage.	12/18/2019 11:56 AM
790	Animals come in a myriad of sizes so it is impossible to dose some medications for smaller animals. Also some owners have trouble medicating their pets and require a medication to be liquid	12/18/2019 11:56 AM
791	Some medications are not available that we need to treat sick horses	12/18/2019 11:55 AM
792	Some animals require medications in specific forms so that they can be appropriately administered by the caretaker. Other medicines are not commercially available in sizes appropriate for certain animals	12/18/2019 11:55 AM
793	Compounding is our only option for many small and exotic pets for many medications as their necessary dose is smaller than available through commercially available products. For medications on back order, a compounded equivalent is often the best alternative.	12/18/2019 11:55 AM

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794	There are many medications that do not come in the right dose size tablet or are difficult to administer in certain forms. In order to provide appropriate medical care to all different species (including birds, rodents, lizards, and other exotic animals), compounded medications are essential.	12/18/2019 11:54 AM
795	We have compounded chemotherapy that is specific to BSA. In addition, we use a higher concentration of liquid budesonide and gabapentin to make administration easier, especially for cats.	12/18/2019 11:54 AM
796	Some drugs can only be found in compounded form, or safely given to animals of very small size if compounded into appropriate concentration.	12/18/2019 11:53 AM
797	Esp for cats and small dogs.	12/18/2019 11:53 AM
798	Many patients are only able to receive life saving medications because of compounding pharmacies. Whether it is because the pharmacist can make it into a tasty flavored liquid, or a fast absorbing skin creme, or because the pharmaceutical company has a catastrophic supply chain failure (or simply wants to create opportunity for price gouging by creating demand), or because the medication must be downsized to be appropriate for the small size of the patient, veterinarians depend on compounding pharmacists.	12/18/2019 11:53 AM
799	Cost is an issue, as well as being able to get drugs in appropriate concentrations for animals, particularly large animals	12/18/2019 11:52 AM
800	We use compounded medications when we need a specific dosage for animals of various sizes, as well as to make administering medications easier for clients and their pets.	12/18/2019 11:52 AM
801	Vital for healing pets!	12/18/2019 11:50 AM
802	Many of our patients would go blind and be in constant pain without them.	12/18/2019 11:50 AM
803	Some animals may not get their needed medications if they are not compounded for a variety of reasons. Owner can not physically pill the animal just like some humans can not take pills/caps/tabs etc.	12/18/2019 11:50 AM
804	Compounding options are very important when it comes to pets because not all take tablet form or the right strength that is available on the market.	12/18/2019 11:50 AM
805	Without compound, many times an animal is unable to be medicated. Compounding also increases on her compliance because the animal does not resist being medicated.	12/18/2019 11:49 AM
806	Cats can be extremely difficult to medicate. Compounding medications has changed our ability to provide proper medications in easily administered formulations.	12/18/2019 11:49 AM
807	The variations in size of patients requires the ability to make smaller formulations of current drugs to allow proper dosing.	12/18/2019 11:49 AM
808	Certain post-op pain medications, chemotherapeutic drugs, heart medications, and ear medications may not be available to our patients at all without compounded medications.	12/18/2019 11:49 AM
809	Animals need versatile formulations and compounding facilitates that	12/18/2019 11:48 AM
810	Needed for resistant ear infections.	12/18/2019 11:48 AM
811	My patients are small! The dosages commercially available are too high for my patients. I use compounded meds almost daily to allow accurate dosing for patients with very low body weight.	12/18/2019 11:48 AM
812	In shelter medicine, working with large volumes of animals, many of whom have conditions that benefit from medications that are not readily available in doses & forms that work well for them, we MUST have access to compounded medications to adequately care for these homeless & at-risk animals.	12/18/2019 11:47 AM
813	Without the ability to compound medications in appropriate doses and in formulations that allow administration as directed, many of our patients would go un-/under-/over- medicated.	12/18/2019 11:47 AM

Q2 Does your state allow you to order compounded medications to administer and dispense from office stock?

Answered: 1,999 Skipped: 40



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	53.83%	1,076
No	21.61%	432
Not sure	24.56%	491
TOTAL		1,999

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#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SAY MORE ABOUT YOUR RESPONSE.	DATE
1	They keep changing the regulations. I do order medications compounded for specific patients, but we need to keep on hand also-when you get a patient in that needs these drugs, then you have to order specifically for that patient makes it delay treatment by days.	1/13/2020 2:10 PM
2	not all medications are available, need to open it to ALL compound medications	1/13/2020 10:25 AM
3	Wish they did.	1/12/2020 9:25 PM
4	I believe our state law states we can order it for in office use, but cannot dispense out unless dispensed directly to the client from the compounded pharmacy.	1/12/2020 1:02 PM
5	This involves having only the doctor do this and is very time consuming.	1/11/2020 7:46 AM
6	It is very inconvenient to both the clients and our practice to have to order a drug we may need immediately and instead have to wait for it to be shipped.	1/10/2020 6:56 PM
7	only for in hospital use	1/10/2020 1:00 PM
8	Ordering each individual patient's prescription from our compounding pharmacy would significantly increase the cost to the client by increasing the ordering and shipping costs. It would also add another visit back to the clinic to pick up the medication at a later date, which will reduce compliance and is difficult for some elderly clients. Additionally, many pets' conditions require treatment be started immediately for the best possible chance of success as well improving the animal's comfort.	1/10/2020 12:24 PM
9	another idiotic policy. many of these meds are needed immediately upon diagnosis of a condition and we have to wait one week before the meds come in to start treatment. meanwhile the pet is suffering. put yourself in that position and see what that feels like	1/10/2020 12:00 PM
10	This is quite crucial and the most economic way to dispense and save our clients money.	1/10/2020 11:28 AM
11	We do not currently due to costs and I am a military veterinarian so need to follow Army policy.	1/10/2020 11:16 AM
12	We have to order the medication per pet as needed. We cannot keep it in stock to dispense. This is not convenient at all when some of these medications need to be started immediately and they have to wait at least 3-5 days to get them.	1/10/2020 10:13 AM
13	To my knowledge it needs to be from a company with special licensing to do this. It is not something we generally do for chronic medications. Chronic meds are usually determined after a month or two of dosing and then is consistently prescribed directly to the patient. Initial dosing is to determine what dose works and what oral/transdermal method works. Occasionally for elderly clients that do not use the internet, nor do they want to mail order their medications and excellent compounding pharmacies are few and far between, we will provide them with their medications ordered for them long term. Not many, but a few. It is a changing world and for some folks it has changed too much. Being able to dispense from internal stock is critical for patient care. Also important for drugs that they make for humans in multiple dose forms that are not ideal for small animals, so compounding helps us with dosing at the exact amount we want to give.	1/10/2020 9:52 AM
14	administer, not dispense	1/10/2020 8:17 AM
15	For in hospital use only but not to dispense	1/9/2020 3:17 PM
16	Only to administer not to dispense	1/9/2020 3:11 PM
17	We order for specific patients and have emergency stock on hand	1/9/2020 2:52 PM
18	We need these bulk stock to dispense since not available anywhere.	1/9/2020 2:36 PM
19	We can order compounded medications to use in clinic, but can not dispense compounded medications to clients to take home beyond a 7 day supply.	1/9/2020 2:13 PM
20	Order yes but as I understand it, it is for in hospital use only.	1/9/2020 1:06 PM
21	BUT JUST ENOUGH TO GET THEM THROUGH UNTIL THEY GET THEIRS FROM THE COMPOUNDING PHARMACY	1/9/2020 1:05 PM
22	We do NOT do this, so I am unsure if it is allowed by the state.	1/9/2020 10:22 AM

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23	These rules are complicated and I feel like no one is ever 100% certain. I have thought in the past that I am able to order/request compounded medicines be made specifically for a patient, then sent directly to that patient by the pharmacy/compounding company. Also, I have been under the impression that I am able to have compounded medicines made for office use to be used in office only on multiple patients but not dispensed for any one specific patient. I have understood that I am not allowed to have medicines compounded for the office, then a label printed and a portion of this stock dispensed for an individual patient. Then tomorrow for a different individual patient, etc. Essentially, I am not supposed to be dispensing compounded medicines from general office stock.	1/9/2020 9:31 AM
24	Very important to have the medication on hand RIGHT NOW. Patients should not have to wait 5-7 days to begin treatment while hospitalized.	1/9/2020 7:47 AM
25	The state allows this here yes, but since the FDA has restricted so much of compounding pharmacies it's almost impossible to find currently. This has hurt veterinary patients everywhere.	1/9/2020 7:19 AM
26	It would be very helpful if that were allowed as we would be better able to start timely treatment of many common maladies	1/8/2020 6:03 PM
27	This allows for immediate care, as ordering can sometimes take a week to receive. This can mean life or death to a small animal.	1/8/2020 5:29 PM
28	Important to have certain compounded medications readily to treat acute conditions.	1/8/2020 4:00 PM
29	It's important to keep compounded meds in stock as in most instances the pet need them immediately.	1/8/2020 3:58 PM
30	7 day supply only	1/8/2020 2:58 PM
31	And this is very inconvenient for an owner. Some local pharmacies can not even have it ready for a client to pick up the same day.	1/8/2020 1:02 PM
32	For three days only.	1/8/2020 10:55 AM
33	We are not allowed to dispense compounded medications. We able to administer the to cases that are hospitalized.	1/8/2020 10:39 AM
34	It is difficult to obtain these medications. The medication we purchase cannot cross state lines.	1/7/2020 1:50 PM
35	Although this is very frustrating as in years past, I was able to have on hand compounded medications (example... common ear preparations) and treat the pet that day. Now, I need to order individual medications which is both time consuming and more costly.... especially to the clients.	1/7/2020 11:41 AM
36	I think having office use of compounded meds are very important.	1/6/2020 8:49 PM
37	limited	1/6/2020 1:02 PM
38	Yes but only as a few day supply.	1/6/2020 9:12 AM
39	The rules are vague. I believe we can dispense an immediate amount and then write a prescription. For some medications, writing a prescription for 2-3 days of medication is cost prohibitive for clients.	1/6/2020 7:34 AM
40	New Jersey currently permits compounding of drugs and our institution also uses a compounding pharmacy in New York that accommodates our prescriptions.	1/5/2020 8:01 PM
41	I am allowed to administer compounded medications to my patients only. I need to be able to use drugs like buprenorphine sustained release on my patients as I do a lot of rural spays on feral and semi-feral cats. We have to live trap them just to spay them and 1 day of pain meds is NOT enough!	1/5/2020 3:30 PM
42	I think so	1/5/2020 7:38 AM
43	I don't think Illinois does.	1/5/2020 7:05 AM
44	Rules are very constrictive for a lone practitioner like me with minimal staff.	1/4/2020 3:20 PM
45	I do not stock compounded medications - when needed they are ordered for a specific pt.	1/4/2020 2:55 PM
46	I work at corporate we do not compound medications in hospital	1/4/2020 12:09 PM

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47	I think CA does allow it but we cannot compound it ourselves anymore.	1/3/2020 10:51 PM
48	Only for "emergency" use - Minnesota	1/3/2020 8:46 PM
49	This happens daily in veterinary medicine. Not being able to do so would affect standard of care.	1/3/2020 6:55 PM
50	I wish there were some we could order to dispense - it would make medicating some of our patients much easier.	1/3/2020 3:41 PM
51	I think Texas allows us the freedom to have access to the best medical options for our patients with compounded drugs.	1/3/2020 1:33 PM
52	I believe that state of Oregon allows us to dispense some medications from compounded stock, however controlled drugs can not be dispensed from office stock	1/3/2020 1:21 PM
53	State currently limits the duration of compounded medications I can send home. I can send 3 days worth, which is inconvenient. It is enough to get a pet "started" on therapy, as I think was the intent of the law. However, it is not enough to receive compounded medications shipped from Wedgewood, my preferred and most trusted vendor.	1/3/2020 12:44 PM
54	Yes, but only on a limited basis while meds are compounded by pharmacy.	1/3/2020 11:31 AM
55	It should - sometimes it is the only option	1/3/2020 8:09 AM
56	As long as the pharmacy compounding has the special license for this purpose.	1/3/2020 4:01 AM
57	Die Office stock reduces the time it takes to get a medication into a patient. Having stock on hand can make the difference between life and death. It already can take overnight or 2 day delivery to get compounded drugs; in a very sick patient that can be a death sentence. If each patient must wait for bespoke meds to be compounded and shipped, many, many, many more will die that otherwise would survive. This is especially true of exotic, wildlife, and zoo animals, but also for animals with unusual diseases or difficult limitations in drug administration. Furthermore it is a colossal waste of drugs (and terrible stewardship of the planet) to make up a separate batch for each patient rather than dispense from office stock. If one bird needs a compounded med, you can bet 50 birds will need it. Following necessary expiration dates already leads to massive drugs in the environment. Let's not make it worse. And the cost of making up a new batch for each patient is absurd, let the cost be shared by many who will benefit from the compounded drug, and not repeated for each individual. Otherwise the cost of the compounded med will be beyond the budget of many many many clients, leading to unnecessary death of patients.	1/3/2020 1:20 AM
58	Only a limited amount is allowed ie 3-5 days.	1/2/2020 6:56 PM
59	I keep commonly used ones and use them all the time as I can't wait for a delay in getting an order in.	1/2/2020 5:58 PM
60	This should be changed. It is a huge inconvenience for our clients and also removes revenue from the small business owner and puts it into corporate pockets	1/2/2020 4:48 PM
61	NY stinks. They make it so difficult to order medications for the hospital to keep in stock. This makes appointment times longer because it takes us so much longer to get the medication we need for the patient. In addition, sometimes we like to show the owners how to give medication that we are sending home, and without this office stock, we cannot do that. This results in lower compliance and ultimately our animal patients will suffer.	1/2/2020 3:58 PM
62	Yes and no. California has all these strict laws and some compounded meds cannot be put under office use.	1/2/2020 3:50 PM
63	This is something we have been struggling with in our state; another compounding pharmacy lobbied for a change in legislation, but it was not passed. This has made things more difficult for us in terms of patient care, especially for emergency drugs, like apomorphine.	1/2/2020 3:00 PM
64	Used to be legal	1/2/2020 2:48 PM
65	I do this often so I have emergency items on hand like Apomorphine to use in case of chocolate or de-con ingestion.	1/2/2020 2:38 PM
66	For some drugs in Georgia, this is the case. It makes caring for patients harder and delays pets in receiving much needed treatment in a timely manner. For things like pain control, this is	1/2/2020 2:21 PM

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unacceptable. Keep in mind, this increases cost to the pet owner (such as delivery fees, plus other fees), and that can result in cutting other care or treatment for those on a budget.

67	It is required to be prescribed to a specific patient	1/2/2020 2:13 PM
68	We are not allowed to dispense, only apply/use in house.	1/2/2020 1:34 PM
69	We can dispense up to 5 day supply- but this is very restrictive in some cases as well- these drugs are NOT controlled!	1/2/2020 1:31 PM
70	On a limited basis.	1/2/2020 1:28 PM
71	Having come from a state where use of compounded medications in hospital was prohibited (New York), the difference has been like night and day. The ability to tailor a treatment plan to a specific patient, especially my exotic patients, without the constraints of commercially formulated drugs, has not only made my job easier, but has given my patients a greater chance at successful treatment.	1/2/2020 1:26 PM
72	This allows the patient to received the needed medication immediately, especially important when critical.	1/2/2020 1:20 PM
73	Very problematic	1/2/2020 1:18 PM
74	I use compounding pharmacies to direct ship to clients. We are allowed to compound limited doses for individual clients that frequently do not correspond to desired treatment protocols.	1/2/2020 1:12 PM
75	Yes for some cases and no for other cases depends on the drug and whether or not the Pharmacy says "in house use only" If it doesnt say that then yes we can but if it says it we cannot.	1/2/2020 12:29 PM
76	Only for in hospital use.	1/2/2020 12:15 PM
77	Die This is an area of contention as well. I cannot keep on hand medication that would be helpful for dozens of patients because we are expected to order it for each individual animal. Often by the time the compounded medication is ready to ship the patient has died from lack of availability of the medication	1/2/2020 11:40 AM
78	Only a limited quantity can be dispensed from office stock, not for chronic use.	1/2/2020 11:34 AM
79	This is also very important. Many pet owners do not have the time to wait to obtain medications and, most importantly, patient care would be DELAYED days to weeks if the medications are not available immediately, ready to dispense to our patients while they are at out office!	1/2/2020 11:28 AM
80	We stock certain medications so that we have them on hand when a case comes in. This avoids having to wait sometimes days before starting a treatment.	1/2/2020 11:23 AM
81	This was taken away from us. We do need to be able to do this for a few days until an online order can be placed.	1/2/2020 11:15 AM
82	I do not know the state law on this, because we do not do this at the university teaching hospital where I work. So I don't do this regardless of whether the state allows it or not.	1/2/2020 11:12 AM
83	Ohio	1/2/2020 8:08 AM
84	I believe we can only administer from our office stock, but not dispense from our office stock.	1/1/2020 7:25 AM
85	Only in limited quantities for short-term (post-operative, emergency, bridge until regular Rx can be filled from a licensed compounding pharmacy directly to the client/owner).	12/31/2019 12:51 PM
86	Can administer from office stock but not technically dispense is my understanding	12/31/2019 8:17 AM
87	Most neighborhood drug stores are not able to compound medications or are not familiar with the correct dosages for animals. It is important that veterinarians have the continued ability to dispense medications as they see fit.	12/30/2019 3:33 PM
88	as mention before, in clinic stock is needed for the client. why should the pet have to wait for week before compounded drug is made and then shipped.	12/30/2019 7:42 AM
89	I usually order just what I need for the specific animal and client direct from the compounding pharmacy.	12/29/2019 8:55 PM
90	THis has been a game changer to have compounded medications ready to dispense for a	12/29/2019 7:18 PM

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condition and not have an ill pet wait 2-3 days to be treated.

91	The most important office stock for my business is analgesics.	12/29/2019 8:10 AM
92	I think this may have recently changed? But not sure for GA	12/28/2019 1:41 PM
93	but only specific meds from a list	12/28/2019 1:28 PM
94	Yes but there are restrictions on some formulations as to the amount we are allowed to dispense... which is inconvenient for our clients, because it increases cost and number of trips to obtain medications.	12/28/2019 12:42 PM
95	it is frustrating to be in a patient specific state because there are medications that need to be given same day they are needed and not having it available in stock because of the patient specific law means that treatment is delayed	12/28/2019 12:35 PM
96	This is absurd. Compounded controlled substances and other meds are dropped off curbside with no oversight. When they are at the clinic, we can be sure they are going where they are supposed to. If proprietary meds were available, we would of course use them. It is so important to have these meds on hand for urgent needs.	12/28/2019 12:04 PM
97	We are only allowed to order compounded medications for in- hospital use. This can result in delays in adoptions if an animal is in mid-treatment so that medication can be finished or ordered fir that patient to be continued by the adopter.	12/28/2019 12:00 PM
98	it is limited and can be a nightmare because rules are constantly changing	12/28/2019 11:04 AM
99	As a shelter we only use compounded medications for our in-house patients.	12/28/2019 7:47 AM
100	but it has to be from a 503b facility	12/27/2019 9:47 PM
101	But not all medications - and some of those medications are very much needed for use from office stock.	12/27/2019 6:46 PM
102	At last check we were allowed to order certain medications such as Doxycycline and Metronidazole for clinic use	12/27/2019 4:53 PM
103	This law severely limits our ability to be able to provide point of care treatment for many of our behaviorly challenged patients and provides additional onus on clients to have to return to the office for care or wait for medication to arrive in the mail to start treatment for their pet.	12/27/2019 3:52 PM
104	I believe so	12/27/2019 8:12 AM
105	They did not, but I believe that has changed very recently.	12/27/2019 7:06 AM
106	Only for in-house patients. We may not send it home with clients.	12/27/2019 4:00 AM
107	This law has made it very difficult to practice veterinary medicine. It also affects the profitability of our hospital.	12/26/2019 8:45 PM
108	I believe that we can only order medications for a specific client. We can have small amounts in clinic to get started while the patients are waiting for their compounded medication to arrive. The laws change often so I could be wrong about that but this is my current understanding. (WI law)	12/26/2019 4:59 PM
109	We are limited on controlled drugs which is very inconvenient to owners with animals in pain.	12/26/2019 3:35 PM
110	RI has done a poor job clarifying how and when compounded meds can be used in hospital.	12/26/2019 1:02 PM
111	Currently yes, but there has been trouble for us to get it in our California locations	12/26/2019 12:59 PM
112	As long as it is for a limited supply until they can get their own compounded product in	12/26/2019 11:02 AM
113	Each compounded medication needs to be made specifically for a patient.	12/26/2019 10:56 AM
114	We live in a rural area without ready access to these compounded medications. It can take at best 24-48 hours to get them shipped in and up to 5 days if you hit a 3 day holiday weekend. Some compounded medications must be given immediately on diagnosis of a problem to save lives and prevent suffering. Office stock must be maintained for those cases.	12/26/2019 8:13 AM
115	Only from a regulated 503B pharmacies	12/26/2019 6:30 AM

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116	I'm not sure if they do or don't. There a couple of compounded drugs that I keep about 3-4 doses on hand. Just enough to get an animal through until what they need can be sent without a delay in treating waiting for a drug to be compounded.	12/25/2019 10:15 PM
117	This greatly decreases the wait time for clients, especially when they got closer to the end of the bottle than they meant to - we already have it in clinic, so the pet doesn't miss any doses.	12/25/2019 6:01 PM
118	Again, due to the loss of prescription medications, we rely on compounded medications from compounding pharmacies to meet the needs of our hospitalized patients. Sometimes, it may be also the delivery method created by the compounding pharmacy that improves patient compliance, for example transdermal delivery of a compounded product versus an injection or tablet.	12/25/2019 11:58 AM
119	I don't think so, sometimes I feel like we order things and need a patients name and other times I think we don't.	12/24/2019 7:13 PM
120	This restriction significantly raises costs for clients and does nothing to improve the quality of veterinary medical care.	12/24/2019 6:14 PM
121	but for use at our facility only not dispensed	12/24/2019 1:36 PM
122	limit of three days duration	12/24/2019 12:19 PM
123	We order medication specifically for the patient	12/24/2019 11:25 AM
124	For awhile I know we were able to dispense from in-clinic stock but I'm not sure that's available any longer.	12/24/2019 9:43 AM
125	Each compounded medication that we order has to be placed under a specific cat in order to be filled. This is impractical for our practice and our clients as well.	12/24/2019 8:52 AM
126	Only an emergency supply to get them started until their shipment comes in	12/24/2019 6:34 AM
127	All compounded meds in our state have to have a specific patient script	12/24/2019 6:10 AM
128	We do not perform the compounding in our hospital.	12/24/2019 5:47 AM
129	Having this ability would make providing medication so much more convenient for our clients, but also better for our patients due to waiting list days to a week to receive their needed meds in the mail.	12/24/2019 4:53 AM
130	This method of dispensation is critical and if not available, I am afraid that many pets will needlessly suffer and perhaps be euthanized when they could have been helped, instead.	12/23/2019 11:32 PM
131	Washington	12/23/2019 10:16 PM
132	The topic is not specifically addressed in statutes or regulations in KA	12/23/2019 7:41 PM
133	Last I check in Ohio, compounded meds could be administered from office stock. Prescribers are allowed to compound meds to dispense for specific patients.	12/23/2019 7:26 PM
134	We can dispense 3 days worth that's it	12/23/2019 7:12 PM
135	This bugs me incredibly - it limits my ability to provide the best care to my patients.	12/23/2019 6:54 PM
136	We are not supposed to do this but I feel it is a ridiculous limitation. We use only licensed compounding pharmacies and the patients are often very sick and need the medication immediately, not shipped to them in a few days.	12/23/2019 6:52 PM
137	Administer yes. But only dispense enough till client can obtain from a compounding pharmacy.	12/23/2019 6:39 PM
138	A necessity for keeping costs down for the consumer and the office.	12/23/2019 6:35 PM
139	I don't think it is legal, but I do find many clinics that do it always. (I am a relief vet)	12/23/2019 6:31 PM
140	This is a relatively new allowance	12/23/2019 5:09 PM
141	Pretty sure there is a list of compounded medications that we can have in office for use and dispensing.	12/23/2019 4:52 PM
142	How can I use a medication in an urgent situation, if I am not allowed to keep it in stock? Examles would be Apomorphine and chemotherapeutic drugs.	12/23/2019 4:38 PM

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143	with limitations on the number of doses prescribed	12/23/2019 4:24 PM
144	can only be dispensed in small quantities; if long term treatment needed then will set up a prescription through a compounding pharmacy for the patient	12/23/2019 3:53 PM
145	I really like this	12/23/2019 3:45 PM
146	We are required in Montana to procure a specific compounded medication for each individual patient. No bulk deliveries of such medication are available to veterinarians to dispense as they deem fit.	12/23/2019 3:45 PM
147	Allowed to order and admin	12/23/2019 3:15 PM
148	It's so important to have that option for when the animal is too small for the pill size it comes in. And with the constant medications being on backorder...we need secondary options!	12/23/2019 3:01 PM
149	They should allow it!	12/23/2019 2:15 PM
150	I believe Washington state is developing rules concerning this issue. I do not know what stage they are in.	12/23/2019 2:02 PM
151	I believe so, but I cannot be sure. I personally get my cat's medication directly from a compounding pharmacy with a prescription from my veterinary cardiologist.	12/23/2019 1:31 PM
152	We don't dispense any medication, it is all used on campus for our own dogs.	12/23/2019 1:28 PM
153	We can administer a compounded drug in hospital but are not allowed to dispense it.	12/23/2019 1:24 PM
154	Which is absolutely ridiculous and obviously a rule put in place by someone who is not affected by it.	12/23/2019 1:04 PM
155	This is definitely needed for some animals will not take meds unless compounded in a different form, ie, transdermal, flavored, or liquid.	12/23/2019 12:35 PM
156	For use in house, as in an animal shelter environment, yes. Limited to 5 days for dispensing to owners for their pets before they must direct order from the compounding pharmacy.	12/23/2019 12:16 PM
157	We only use compounded medications in-house for our sheltered animals. We do not have a clinic that sees patients from the public.	12/23/2019 12:04 PM
158	I think my state allows us to administer but not dispense from office stock.	12/23/2019 11:42 AM
159	I m not the practice owner but we do ...and dispense. We MUST! I believe in NYS we can order bulk drugs but we have to assign them a patient name. So we order large bottles of compounded antibiotics and otipak type treatment in bulk under names of employee owned animals. This is apparently " a thing". Following the rules while breaking them in order to obtain critically needed SAFELY and PROPERLY compounded medication for our patients.	12/23/2019 11:39 AM
160	To hospitalized patients only. We are not able to send patients home with them	12/23/2019 11:35 AM
161	Compounding for office dispensing is invaluable to our patient base.	12/23/2019 11:02 AM
162	This has made treating our patients even easier!!	12/23/2019 10:57 AM
163	Recent change	12/23/2019 10:51 AM
164	At least in the shelter environment I haven't had any issues with the state. Use from office stock is vital to patient care in our practice setting.	12/23/2019 10:49 AM
165	Only in-clinic use. We cannot dispense from in-office stock.	12/23/2019 10:40 AM
166	We can administer to in-hospital patients, but not dispense for home use.	12/23/2019 10:40 AM
167	limited medications	12/23/2019 10:37 AM
168	This is crucial for an animal Shelter.	12/23/2019 10:32 AM
169	Only administer, not to dispense	12/23/2019 10:30 AM
170	I believe so	12/23/2019 10:30 AM
171	limited quantities	12/23/2019 10:06 AM

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172	Volume restrictions	12/23/2019 10:04 AM
173	Yes we are able to dispense a 72 hour supply in California	12/23/2019 10:00 AM
174	drug specific	12/23/2019 9:58 AM
175	This is a recent change and has made it extremely difficult to get proper medications and dosages to our veterinary patients	12/23/2019 9:41 AM
176	However, I only dispense I emergencies situations, I have the owner directly order from the compounding pharmacy	12/23/2019 9:40 AM
177	but many restrictions, including where we can buy from	12/23/2019 9:39 AM
178	I believe they may be starting to offer a few options for compounded medication for office stock.	12/23/2019 9:39 AM
179	Not absolutely sure but if we didn't offer this many pets would go unmedicated and suffer.	12/23/2019 9:37 AM
180	We can administer but not dispense.	12/23/2019 9:35 AM
181	Some medications. Ophthalmics dispensed by prescription	12/23/2019 9:23 AM
182	the discussions and law is very vague	12/23/2019 9:21 AM
183	Feels like it changes frequently - and only some medications are available - not all.	12/23/2019 9:18 AM
184	Yes, very recently state law changed and I was very grateful. It's nice to demonstrate to owners how easy transdermal medications are, especially for small dogs and cats.	12/23/2019 9:18 AM
185	This is very important in shelter medicine.	12/23/2019 9:17 AM
186	My state allows me to keep compounded medications on my shelf to dispense when the patient cannot wait several days for their own compounded medications to arrive. I commonly dispense prazosin (to help keep male cats from urethral blockages) and metronidazole (for diarrhea).	12/23/2019 9:17 AM
187	Dispensing from my office is allowed only if the medication is compounded by a 503b facility. We primarily use compounded medications in the office or order it for specific patients to use at home (direct pharmacy-client relationship)	12/23/2019 9:15 AM
188	Pennsylvania	12/23/2019 9:03 AM
189	https://www.avma.org/advocacy/state-local-issues/administration-and-dispensing-compounded-veterinary-drugs According to this we have no legislation on the books, leaving us often confused and unsure of how to proceed in our current medical landscape.	12/23/2019 8:42 AM
190	This service is used to make dispensing most common prescriptions quick and easy.	12/23/2019 8:04 AM
191	My state greatly reduces my ability to have medicines available for sick patients. By law, we can not order bulk for office use, and there are several emergency situations that require medicines for smaller animals. These regulations make treating my patients very difficult already.	12/23/2019 7:24 AM
192	It makes it very difficult to dispense medication when we can't have it on hand.	12/23/2019 6:32 AM
193	Administer- yes. Dispense- no	12/23/2019 6:28 AM
194	Only for in house use.	12/23/2019 6:15 AM
195	We can order for a client only. This is a huge inconvenience. We needs to have these medications available when we diagnose the animal. Many times the patient cannot wait for 3 to 4 days. For the medications.	12/22/2019 11:33 PM
196	Can administer but can't dispense from office stock.	12/22/2019 5:00 PM
197	There are a number of those that we currently use but for several we have to use a prescription for the medication to be delivered straight to the client.	12/22/2019 2:23 PM
198	Clinic is in Ohio	12/22/2019 1:53 PM
199	This greatly limits our ability to serve our patients. Rarely there is an emergent situation, but when it happens, we have no medication to prescribe. Having compounded medications on the shelf would give us more timely treatment, as well as the ability to dispense only what the patient needs at this time.	12/22/2019 12:07 PM

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200	This helps us make medications more cost effective for clients who would otherwise choose a poorer option for treating their pets.	12/22/2019 9:50 AM
201	Yes, in limited quantities. These limited quantities are inconvenient and adversely affect the quality of the care and service provided to our patients and clients.	12/22/2019 9:41 AM
202	to dispense - no. Only to administer in hospital	12/21/2019 7:34 PM
203	Used to be able to do this, but then the law changed. This has been a problem.	12/21/2019 4:29 PM
204	This is very important and frankly if it is not allowed, I would simply make up a patient so that I would have the medication handy when it is needed. Being a holistic vet, for me this is not so much of an issue, but it is important to the profession and pet care as a whole.	12/21/2019 4:13 PM
205But we need to! Many animals that are presented with an illness need medication at the time of presentation and cannot wait until a compounded medication is available 2-5 days later.	12/21/2019 3:02 PM
206	For a limited number of doses, yes, but not for maintaining stock on the shelf.	12/21/2019 1:59 PM
207	Adds an extra step for client and makes it harder when pharmacies are closed(nights, weekends). would like to have that ability but less important than compounding in general	12/21/2019 12:33 PM
208	This is important especially for drugs to treat acute conditions like vomiting or pain where waiting to receive an individual Rx is not practical.	12/21/2019 12:15 PM
209	Some things - not everything. Becomes a difficulty at times	12/21/2019 11:56 AM
210	Administer yes, dispense no	12/21/2019 11:41 AM
211	But I hear they want to change that. Our patients would suffer greatly if this happens. It can take days to get these medications and by then things can be much worse!	12/21/2019 10:45 AM
212	And this is tremendously valuable so that we are able to start sick kitties immediately on medication while they wait for their long term supply from a compounding pharmacy	12/21/2019 9:59 AM
213	They have gone back and forth on this issue and wish they would listen to why it is necessary for us to have this ability. They do not have degrees in veterinary medicine and should listen to those that do.	12/21/2019 9:52 AM
214	Just recently there is one pharmacy that is approved to order in office stock from however they do have a monopoly on this and the medications are significantly more expensive than if we were to order them from elsewhere.	12/21/2019 9:31 AM
215	This has greatly improved my ability to serve customers with efficiency and convenience. Previous to this, clients would often have to wait days to weeks to get meds.	12/21/2019 9:31 AM
216	This is very unfortunate since dose formulations of many FDA approved medications for use in people are not available in dose strengths appropriate for animals, especially smaller ones (puppies, kittens, toy breed dogs, cats...)	12/21/2019 8:38 AM
217	It must be compounded for individual animals, which is often harmful as it takes several days to receive the medication. These patients are often critical and time is usually a factor in whether or not a treatment is successful.	12/21/2019 8:32 AM
218	New York, bah humbug	12/21/2019 7:40 AM
219	Many times, animals cannot be medicated by pill, and a compounded flavor must be used. Also, many species are too small to break a version down into an incrementally small dose, either in pill form, or due to the relative commercially available concentration.	12/21/2019 7:35 AM
220	We do order compounded medications and administer from the office.	12/21/2019 7:27 AM
221	In limited quantities... sometimes the patient needs something for use immediately and can't wait for shipping . We need to use compounding pharmacies that conduct quality control, not the local corner pharmacy.The only way to do that is being able to keep small quantities available in office	12/21/2019 7:04 AM
222	Only to treat for the number of days it would take to get in a designated script for the patient.	12/21/2019 6:36 AM
223	But only on short supply, until a larger quantity can be compounded for the individual patient.	12/21/2019 6:34 AM
224	This ability is also critical given the lack and expense of liquid medications.	12/21/2019 6:33 AM

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225	This is a fairly new allowance in my state. It was extremely difficult before this change to appropriately assist animals in distress or emergencies.	12/21/2019 6:22 AM
226	This is valuable since not all owners are capable of administrating medications properly	12/21/2019 5:49 AM
227	This is unfortunate because it delays the treatment of disease by 3-5 days.	12/21/2019 5:32 AM
228	This is hugely important to us	12/21/2019 5:28 AM
229	Possibly for a few days until the order arrives but I think they should mind their own business.	12/20/2019 11:52 PM
230	Only in emergency situations or for a short duration of treatment.	12/20/2019 10:32 PM
231	Dispensing compounded meds allows me to treat my smallest and most difficult patients improving their quality of life and saving their lives.	12/20/2019 10:09 PM
232	Cannot be dispensed, but can be used in office (ear medication, etc.)	12/20/2019 9:51 PM
233	The answer to that depends on which pharmacy you use and which types of drugs you need.	12/20/2019 9:32 PM
234	One of the dumbest rules they have. We depend on compounded medications. By the time we order and receive compounds for a given patient, their conditions are worse or the patient is deceased.	12/20/2019 8:54 PM
235	It seems to vary by the time I order. At times I have been able to order and keep meds to dispense. Recently, I have had to order for specific patients only. The issue with this is that it may take weeks to get the special order medication for a patient. Owners don't want to wait to treat their pet, they want it treated when they bring it to us. Delaying treatment by having to wait for medication to be made and shipped will allow a pet to get sicker and frustrates and upsets owners and me- I want my patients to get what they need to get better ASAP.	12/20/2019 8:54 PM
236	Missouri did not allow this for several years and it made it very difficult to get these for patients. Many of my patients need these as soon as their condition is diagnosed not 7-10 days from now.	12/20/2019 8:51 PM
237	Allows us to administer medications at point of service rather than waiting for a drug to be compounded and then sent to the owner. This could cause negative ramifications for pets and be extremely and unduly stressful for owners as they await delivery.	12/20/2019 8:28 PM
238	Missouri will always be behind the civilized world in this as well as other practical activities.	12/20/2019 8:27 PM
239	administer, but not dispense is my understanding.	12/20/2019 8:25 PM
240	Due to this extremely restrictive law treatment for patients has been severely hindered thus causing suffering and sometimes inadequate treatment and death	12/20/2019 8:23 PM
241	It would be essential for this type of use of compounded medications for the same reason given in the previous question.	12/20/2019 8:14 PM
242	Only as necessary, in limited quantities.	12/20/2019 7:52 PM
243	I can administer, but not dispense	12/20/2019 7:38 PM
244	We stock for clients for commonly prescribed medications that are not readily available (doxycycline, pimobendan, 2% cyclosporine ophthalmic drops) and if clients had to order the medication themselves, they would have to wait 1 week for arrival, and/or have to pay a significantly large amount to access from human pharmacies for the same medications.	12/20/2019 7:15 PM
245	Depends- can be used for in hospital use but should not be re-dispensed and relabeled from office stock.	12/20/2019 6:10 PM
246	But this has recently changed and become more cumbersome. Whats worse is that we cannot keep compounded medications that are scheduled drugs. I'd feel much more safe keeping a large volume of a controlled substance in our office for use and or dispense, compared to sending a large volume to a patients (clients) home.	12/20/2019 6:09 PM
247	Used to be no. Now I think Missouri does.	12/20/2019 4:19 PM
248	Only first 10 days.	12/20/2019 3:49 PM
249	Have worked and am licensed in multiple states so will get confused on the different	12/20/2019 1:51 PM

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	regulations.	
250	Yes, for the patient as a whole. ie if a 100ct bottle - all 100 are for a specific patient; not 50 for one and 50 for another. The whole bottle script is for one patient.	12/20/2019 12:10 PM
251	Again, it makes no sense to not allow veterinarians to have compounded medications in stock in the hospital and be able to dispense to the patients that need them. Why would a government agency need to regulate how much of an antibiotic or a heart medication I keep on hand for my patients? No veterinarian has any idea what kind of patients will walk in their door that day...every day is a surprise in general practice. Business owners need to be prepared for all reasonable outcomes.	12/20/2019 11:19 AM
252	To administer not dispense	12/20/2019 11:06 AM
253	Yes, but only in a limited quantity.	12/20/2019 10:34 AM
254	This makes it difficult to treat patients immediately	12/20/2019 10:01 AM
255	Yes, if not a controlled substance.	12/20/2019 9:40 AM
256	For up to 5 days	12/20/2019 9:38 AM
257	We can administer in hospital, but cannot dispense a bulk compound to go home with the owner/pet.	12/20/2019 9:33 AM
258	PA state law does not specifically address compounding	12/20/2019 8:35 AM
259	can order for in clinic use only	12/20/2019 7:58 AM
260	This is a major hindrance to effectively treating pets that need immediate medication.	12/20/2019 7:58 AM
261	The laws have changed in the last few months but we are now allowed in MO to get office use stock but are only allowed to prescribe 1 weeks worth of medication.	12/20/2019 7:43 AM
262	Some compounding pharmacists have had me tell them a specific patient that the prescription was for. So I couldn't use it in multiple patients especially future ones.	12/19/2019 10:33 PM
263	This makes us unable to utilize some medications that would be medically beneficial to patients when they need them.	12/19/2019 10:09 PM
264	To administer but not to dispense	12/19/2019 9:25 PM
265	Unfair, but it's the rule, but at least we can get it.	12/19/2019 7:19 PM
266	Some	12/19/2019 6:41 PM
267	And I use them daily!!!!	12/19/2019 4:11 PM
268	It would be nice for us to be able to re-dispense compounded meds, but we go direct to owner at this time.	12/19/2019 3:50 PM
269	We wish it would.	12/19/2019 3:01 PM
270	They need to be assigned to a specific patient.	12/19/2019 2:38 PM
271	Our state would only allow to administer medications in clinic, however it would be a huge asset to treating patients.	12/19/2019 2:26 PM
272	All compounded meds must be prescribed for specific patients.	12/19/2019 1:48 PM
273	We are allowed to administer them in hospital. We aren't allowed to dispense them out to clients/patients.	12/19/2019 1:13 PM
274	Compounded medications are allowed to be used in-house only, not allowed to be dispensed	12/19/2019 12:02 PM
275	It's my understanding that the Pharmacy board is meeting with the Veterinary Examining Board to come to some conclusion on this topic for the state of Wisconsin.	12/19/2019 10:57 AM
276	But I have found this has recently changed and now I am not able to get some of the drugs that I have been able to get for office use.	12/19/2019 10:35 AM
277	Limited use only.	12/19/2019 10:31 AM

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278	Law is not clear on dispensing medication from compound pharmacy. But traditionally can only dispense 3 days worth, then owner must get from compound pharmacy directly. Can do individual compounding in house.	12/19/2019 9:19 AM
279	It is important to have these medications ready when needed at the time of diagnosis.	12/19/2019 9:05 AM
280	Everything changes so much and California is so strict that I can never keep up.	12/19/2019 9:04 AM
281	This is a crucial part of our in house pharmacy especially as doses for animals often differ from those most commonly used by humans.	12/19/2019 9:01 AM
282	We are allowed to administer compounded medications from the clinic	12/19/2019 8:55 AM
283	This is very inconvenient and limits our ability to provide the best care for our patients.	12/19/2019 8:53 AM
284	Not having the ability to utilize compounded medications from office stock in NY is a huge burden that often leaves some of our patients in pain for days until the compounded medication is available. This rule is cruel and inhumane.	12/19/2019 8:38 AM
285	It would be so helpful if we could.	12/19/2019 8:38 AM
286	This is limiting but there are enough compounding pharmacies in our area that it does not hinder us excessively. It would be better if we could at least dispense certain tablets and capsules that have long shelf lives.	12/19/2019 8:35 AM
287	Limited to 7 days of dispensing.	12/19/2019 8:32 AM
288	I know we can not have any sterile preparations sent to the hospital.	12/19/2019 8:24 AM
289	In Texas we have to sign an agreement but yes we are able to dispense from office stock	12/19/2019 8:20 AM
290	This makes it necessary for animals to wait days to get vital medications.	12/19/2019 8:14 AM
291	Delays necessary treatment of animals who need these compounded product, simply creates more work/headache -- very unnecessary requirement.	12/19/2019 7:40 AM
292	some but not others	12/19/2019 7:23 AM
293	Having smaller doses of specific medications allows us to treat small animals more quickly. This can help reduce the spread of diseases that have health effects on humans.	12/19/2019 7:19 AM
294	Only for emergency circumstances	12/19/2019 7:14 AM
295	Some things yes some things no	12/19/2019 7:10 AM
296	As long as the medication is given as an entire bottle rather than pulled out from a larger stock.	12/19/2019 5:42 AM
297	It is my understanding that in Mass we may dispense up to a 5-day supply of compounded medication from the clinic.	12/19/2019 5:13 AM
298	To a limited degree	12/18/2019 11:44 PM
299	I am allowed to dispense a three day supply	12/18/2019 10:41 PM
300	In limited amounts	12/18/2019 9:46 PM
301	For a maximum for 72 hrs on outpatient basis.	12/18/2019 9:38 PM
302	We can dispense a few until the owner receives their order.	12/18/2019 9:37 PM
303	This is a continuing grey problem for my industry, cervid medicine. The law doesn't have a 100% answer either way	12/18/2019 8:53 PM
304	Limited to a few days. veterinarians ARE unique in that they treat multiple sizes and species of animals requiring compounding to help our patients often where no compounding pharmacy option is available. The veterinarian is an important community member especially in rural areas where access to care is limited we need to support out veterinarians with options to treat their varied patients not only by size but by species often requiring different dosages, flavors and medium from gels to liquids to chewable tabs and different modes of administration SQ, IM, IV injections, oral, transdermal and others given the species.	12/18/2019 8:18 PM
305	Just recently we have been allowed to keep compounded medications in stock to dispense a small (4 day) supply to our patients until an owner can have an individual prescription filled for	12/18/2019 8:01 PM

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	their pet.	
306	Veterinarians need to have access to some stock compounded medications to initiate treatment of patients in a timely fashion. Waiting for the medication from a compounding pharmacy could be detrimental to the health of veterinary patients.	12/18/2019 7:53 PM
307	I believe my state allows dispensing compounded medication from office stock as long as it was compounded in a 503B facility.	12/18/2019 7:30 PM
308	I think it depends on how many days supply are dispensed? But I am not really sure.	12/18/2019 6:55 PM
309	We use compounded medications routinely in our practice.	12/18/2019 6:30 PM
310	However, corporate owned practice frowns upon this	12/18/2019 6:16 PM
311	with restrictions on quantity	12/18/2019 6:10 PM
312	I believe my state allows for a limited supply of compounded meds to be ordered and dispensed. We generally get compounded injectable medications so we always administer these in the hospital.	12/18/2019 6:09 PM
313	Only to administer. Dispensing under specific patients only.	12/18/2019 6:06 PM
314	In limited fashion	12/18/2019 5:55 PM
315	I believe our state allows you to administer within the hospital as needed, but you are not supposed to dispense from office stock for long-term use. You are allowed a small window of medication that may be dispensed to the patient for short-term use, but only for long enough that they can get a personal prescription for that compound elsewhere that is specifically identified for that patient alone.	12/18/2019 5:53 PM
316	very important for in-hospital treatment	12/18/2019 5:49 PM
317	We can administer/dispense a 3 day dose.	12/18/2019 5:47 PM
318	I'm not sure what the state says, but it is essential to be able to administer life-saving medications on a timely basis to my patients without having to wait to fulfill an essential order, which may take many days	12/18/2019 5:38 PM
319	Limited supply only.....	12/18/2019 5:19 PM
320	But a very limited variety of products as well as very limited quantities.	12/18/2019 4:58 PM
321	Only a few	12/18/2019 4:24 PM
322	I hate this law. It really makes it difficult to EASILY provide medications for my clients and their pets. We are not allowed to dispense from office stock	12/18/2019 4:23 PM
323	Having compounded medications on hand allows treatment to be initiated immediately--first dose can be given in the office and the owner shown how to administer the medication. This training can make all the difference. Starting treatment immediately facilitates recovery.	12/18/2019 4:19 PM
324	Again, back to the very small animals especially very small dogs and kittens, The vast majority of time do not need a full course of treatment from the currently available regular medications. By having in clinic use of compounded medications we can dispense appropriate amounts of medication and save the client a lot of money. And we know positively that the cost of veterinary care is the most significant factor taken into account by clients in weather and how to treat their animals. Additionally, since these animals are thought of as true family members, if their owners are not financially able to care for their animals, both the animal and the client suffers in weather and how to treat their animals. Additionally, since these animals are thought of as true family members, if their owners are not financially able to care for their animals, both the animal and the client suffer	12/18/2019 4:15 PM
325	But Only when necessary	12/18/2019 4:13 PM
326	This is particularly important for cidofovir 0.5%, tacrolimus (various % and bases), and demecarium bromide (0.125% or 0.25%) for ophthalmic use. Better outcomes are achieved when these medications can be started right away for feline herpesvirus cases, canine glaucoma, and various immune-mediated corneal conditions in dogs.	12/18/2019 4:04 PM
327	It has changed recently, and keeping enough on hand to get a patient started so that treatment	12/18/2019 4:02 PM

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is initiated immediately is usually best—it can take 7-10 days to arrive at owner's, and that's too long to wait for treatment to begin! Also we have many elderly clients who cannot order online or complete an online order, so we have to order it for them

328	Only 3-5 days	12/18/2019 3:39 PM
329	The restrictions on maintaining office stock of compounded medications limits my ability to prescribe compounded drugs. Waiting for prescriptions to be filled and mailed is not a time luxury patients can generally afford.	12/18/2019 3:25 PM
330	We used to be able to. Recent changes that were not intended to apply to veterinary practices has made that more difficult. Legislation is currently being drafted to exempt veterinary practices. One reason this is so important is because compounded medications can be life saving and it takes time to compound the medication. If I want to start a dog on potassium bromide I want to start them today, not in a week or two.	12/18/2019 3:09 PM
331	I can not have emergency doses of medication available for some of the pocket pets and exotics that I use to be able to have. Now it takes 3 days to get it and the pet could be dead by then.	12/18/2019 3:05 PM
332	frustrating but no	12/18/2019 3:04 PM
333	We used to be able to, but the laws are changing. Again, this makes timely dispensing of necessary drugs difficult at best and impossible at worst.	12/18/2019 2:57 PM
334	Yes but only for hospital use or prescribed 72 hour quantity. Compounded drugs we keep on our shelf: Budesonide, Cisapride, Metronidazole, Ponazuril, Prazosin, Tramadol	12/18/2019 2:56 PM
335	I HATE that Montana doesn't allow dispensing from office stock. It makes me feel like the state government doesn't trust me, as a licensed professional, to adequately use these medications.	12/18/2019 2:55 PM
336	Can have on hand for emergency situations where the owner cannot wait for compounded medications.	12/18/2019 2:54 PM
337	This recent change in our state law has had a detrimental impact on our ability to treat urgent cases. We can no longer stock medications to have available on admission of, for example, a lead poisoning patient. The delay between ordering and treatment is usually fatal.	12/18/2019 2:54 PM
338	Yes but only limited which DOES cause issues being we are in a rural area and little access to compounding pharmacy near by	12/18/2019 2:52 PM
339	I wish this would change.!!!	12/18/2019 2:49 PM
340	When a patient has a medical condition that needs to be treated, it is awkward to say, "Well, this drug is very important for you animal's health, but you have to wait a week until you can start using it," because the compounded medication can't be ordered ahead.	12/18/2019 2:49 PM
341	When I first started practicing, we did this often. Then, we were told we could not do this at all. Next we were told that we could order under a clinic pet and administer in hospital, just not send home with clients. Again, I believe we are told that we cannot dispense from office stock.	12/18/2019 2:45 PM
342	Having the medication on hand is good for business and our clients	12/18/2019 2:32 PM
343	For in hospital patients only	12/18/2019 2:31 PM
344	Limited.	12/18/2019 2:24 PM
345	With limitations	12/18/2019 2:21 PM
346	We previously could not, but most of us take the risk anyway b/c our patients need access to the proper sizing of their dose.	12/18/2019 2:10 PM
347	We do, and it's a necessity, and I believe the law is that we just need to advise owner that their pet is being prescribed a compounded medication.	12/18/2019 2:09 PM
348	only for a short time i think	12/18/2019 1:59 PM
349	This is very frustrating to me. It is ok for me to use on inpatients/hospitalized pets, but not to send home with them. If the product is safe and acceptable to use while in my clinic, why is it suddenly deemed not safe as soon as the patient walks out the door?	12/18/2019 1:58 PM
350	This is a significant hardship to me an my clients. I believe I know what is best for my patients,	12/18/2019 1:48 PM

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	not the state or federal governments.	
351	Yes, with restrictions.	12/18/2019 1:48 PM
352	but only 5 days worth	12/18/2019 1:45 PM
353	Yes, but only for "emergency purposes" and only a 96 hour supply. State: Georgia	12/18/2019 1:43 PM
354	As it should be. We are the drug store for clients and there horses	12/18/2019 1:43 PM
355	I think it has gone back and forth the last few years	12/18/2019 1:37 PM
356	Only a 5 day supply, Massachusetts	12/18/2019 1:29 PM
357	We rarely do this due to the shelf life and only have 1-2 on hand that are used routinely for smaller patients.	12/18/2019 1:19 PM
358	very frustrating	12/18/2019 1:14 PM
359	VCA does not allow this, however.	12/18/2019 1:13 PM
360	I do not think so but am not 100% sure.	12/18/2019 1:12 PM
361	Makes things very difficult but it seems in Virginia the Veterinary Board is controlled by the Pharmacy Board? In neighboring West Virginian you can dispense compounded medications so many of my clients just go there.	12/18/2019 1:03 PM
362	only in limited amounts	12/18/2019 1:02 PM
363	Our state does not allow this. This causes us to get into some issues with owners being able to properly treat.	12/18/2019 1:00 PM
364	I don't know if it's changed or not, last report was that we could order medications to dispense from stock. I don't think it has changed yet.	12/18/2019 1:00 PM
365	Yes, but with some very important and stupid limitations. Even so, I can function with my state's ridiculous rules. This new directive would make us non functioning for many patients.	12/18/2019 12:59 PM
366	We are able to administer for in clinic use, unsure if we are able to dispense	12/18/2019 12:53 PM
367	Only on a limited basis--Very impracticable.	12/18/2019 12:52 PM
368	Invaluable to be able to have these medications available for use.	12/18/2019 12:50 PM
369	It has allowed me to deliver medications to my patients immediately	12/18/2019 12:46 PM
370	The state should no be allowed to tell a doctor how to practice, especially when the well being of our patients is our priority.	12/18/2019 12:45 PM
371	We are allowed to dispense 5 days worth of medication from office stock in order to be able to dispense a limited quantity for short-term use and/or immediately start animals on a medication while awaiting their own compounded medications to be formulated and delivered.	12/18/2019 12:45 PM
372	No currently. We do have Gabapentin 25 mg and 50 mg in stock that we are not supposed to dispense; however, for immediate pain relief, we have sent home 7 days worth until their personal prescription is received from the compounding pharmacy.	12/18/2019 12:40 PM
373	Yes, although with some frustrating restrictions.	12/18/2019 12:36 PM
374	Many drugs are needed right away for serious disease or symptoms and waiting several days for a compounding pharmacy is too late.	12/18/2019 12:33 PM
375	Think we can use in the office , but not dispense from office stock	12/18/2019 12:33 PM
376	I use them regularly	12/18/2019 12:25 PM
377	Compounded medications can be administered in clinic only, for patient specific use at home, they are required to be shipped directly to the client	12/18/2019 12:23 PM
378	I believe so but we typically order individual scripts very tailored to the individual patient. Larger, higher volume practices would certainly benefit more from this and wouldn't be practical to order specifically tailored medication each time	12/18/2019 12:22 PM

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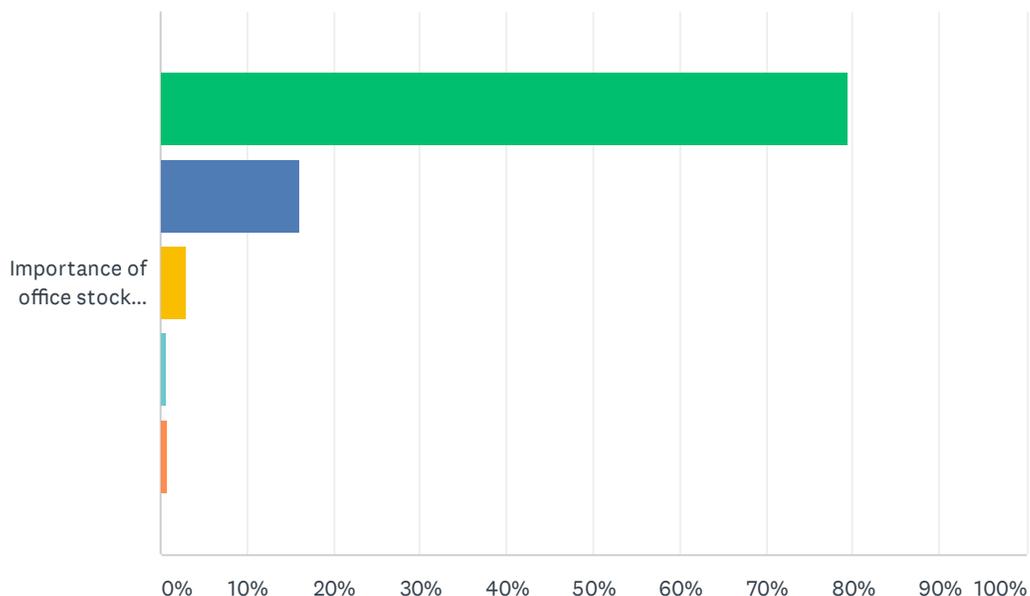
379	The inability to order compounded medications for office use is a significant threat to animal health and welfare. Sustained release analgesics, for example, are a game-changer for pain management in many of the difficult to medicate exotic animals in my care. Effective anesthesia in the large animals, like lions, tigers, elephants, etc., requires compounded drugs to more concentrated formulations that are commercially available. It is simply not cost effective to have drugs for each individual animal.	12/18/2019 12:20 PM
380	Die Being able to treat a 1# pediatric patient IMMEDIATELY v. waiting the time it takes to order and receive a patient specific compounded prescription may be the difference between that patient living or dying. Pediatric and critically ill patients can't wait	12/18/2019 12:20 PM
381	Only as a limited supply until it can be compounded through a compounding pharmacy.	12/18/2019 12:18 PM
382	Again Ohio is very limiting on what we can stock for office use. This I not helpful and actually hurtful to my patients! The right to have compounded drugs at my disposal and when I need it is crucial for me to do my job!! It is ridiculous that someone that has NO training in veterinary medicine can make arbitrary rulings on how I do my job!!	12/18/2019 12:13 PM
383	Yes but even that is limited which already complicates things	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
384	Wisconsin	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
385	LIMITED SUPPLY ONLY	12/18/2019 12:11 PM
386	This severely limits the medications I can have available to safely treat these unique exotic patients.	12/18/2019 12:07 PM
387	This has been a big problem for our practice. Especially when it comes to pocket pets who need very small amounts of medications that are only available through compounding.	12/18/2019 12:06 PM
388	I wish they did.	12/18/2019 12:06 PM
389	Colorado is weird about this. Our patient are part of clients families and treatment for our furry family members should be available in compounded format. We should also have the availability to have these in house for our hospitalized patients. We do comply with the 5 day rule and send home a prescription for refills through a compounding pharmacy of the clients choice. Being able to treat patients in house is very important to our 24 hour facility.	12/18/2019 12:06 PM
390	There is a compounded medication that is very useful to use for ear infections in dogs and cats. However, ear infections are very uncomfortable and should be treated the same day that they are seen. The commercially available long term meds have not worked nearly as well in my opinion. However, since it takes 5-7 days to have meds compounded and shipped, this isn't possible to do for these cases.	12/18/2019 12:05 PM
391	This is an unnecessary rule that impacts the veterinary hospital and clients and patients by introducing an extra step in the prescribing process.	12/18/2019 12:04 PM
392	I think that it does.	12/18/2019 12:03 PM
393	We can have it compounded and sent and shipped to the patient or here to be used on the patient.	12/18/2019 12:02 PM
394	Michigan	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
395	some stuff we an, other stuff we can not	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
396	We can only issue compounded medicine for 72 hours of treatment	12/18/2019 11:56 AM
397	NY did not allow in the past, but might allow now.	12/18/2019 11:54 AM
398	It's debilitating because of the various sizes of our patients. Post op pain meds for cats are limited Parasite treatment for kittens < 2 pounds	12/18/2019 11:52 AM
399	In Washington, we can dispense up to 3 days worth of treatment.	12/18/2019 11:51 AM
400	This is very hard to work around as well because a lot of medications need to be started ASAP and waiting 3-5 days for medication to get the pet can be detrimental to their treatment.	12/18/2019 11:51 AM
401	Ridiculous law! Exactly what does it accomplish?	12/18/2019 11:50 AM
402	But only a limited number of medications	12/18/2019 11:49 AM

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403	MN	12/18/2019 11:49 AM
404	Doing this, we can use ponazuril, single dose to cure puppies and kittens with coccidial diarrheal disease. Without the compounded meds, we have to treat once a day for three weeks - delaying the re-homing of these animals and increasing the risk of zoonotic exposure.	12/18/2019 11:49 AM
405	For some items makes it hard otherwise	12/18/2019 11:46 AM

Q3 How important to your patients' health and medical outcomes is your ability to maintain office stock of compounded medications?

Answered: 1,542 Skipped: 497



■ Very Important
 ■ Important
 ■ Neither Important nor Unimportant
■ Somewhat Unimportant
 ■ Not At All Important

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NEITHER IMPORTANT NOR UNIMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT UNIMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Importance of office stock to patient health	79.57% 1,227	16.02% 247	2.92% 45	0.71% 11	0.78% 12	1,542	4.73

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#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SAY MORE ABOUT YOUR RESPONSE.	DATE
1	My example of apomorphine being a very important drug that is utilized in the office and does not go home with clients is super important.	1/13/2020 3:36 PM
2	we have been only prescribing enough for 5-7 days while there direct prescription is being compounded	1/13/2020 10:28 AM
3	There are certain medications that are not available in dosages relevant to veterinary medicine. We order compounded medications to fill in these gaps and to keep costs reasonable for pet owners.	1/13/2020 9:45 AM
4	There are certain compounded medications that we use daily and would be impacted greatly if these medications were to no longer be available.	1/13/2020 8:06 AM
5	From post op pain management to chemotherapy compounded medications are important to maintain in inventory.	1/12/2020 1:25 PM
6	Medications are needed in some cases immediately - not 5-7 business days in order to wait till the post delivered the ordered medication.	1/11/2020 7:48 AM
7	we are a specialty and emergency hospital and use compounded drugs regularly.	1/10/2020 11:43 PM
8	Animals come in very sick and need certain medications right away.	1/10/2020 10:25 AM
9	If I have an animal that needs Liquid Prednisolone to recover from severe IBD, or survive a few weeks from Cancer, or Tiny tabs of Gabapentin to give pain relief or transdermal methimazole to get some hyperthyroid under control, clients do not have time to wait a week for medications or sadly the funds to overnight compounded drugs. we are not talking about Huge Volumes of this. An ounce of Pred liquid will last 30-60 days and 3-5 patients will receive LIFE SAVING medication. This is \$3650 a year of medication from a budget of \$131,600 for medications for pets in a tiny 1 doctor practice. And yet I can name all the patients these medications are making a difference for. This is true for clinics everywhere. For less than 3% of my annual medication purchases I can save patient lives, up to and including my own pets in the last 5 years.	1/10/2020 10:13 AM
10	Often times it takes too long for compounded medications to arrive for a sick patient. The sooner we can begin treatment the better for the patient and owner.	1/10/2020 10:06 AM
11	Time is critical to treat!	1/9/2020 2:53 PM
12	We are an emergency hospital with a critical population of patients that can not wait for scripted meds to arrive in the mail	1/9/2020 2:51 PM
13	We start a lot of patients on a compounded med from the truck then drop ship their orders	1/9/2020 11:43 AM
14	Many animals need immediate treatment requiring office stock - which can then be transitioned to mail order. Waiting for mail order to treat the patient would be detrimental to their care.	1/9/2020 10:22 AM
15	I will occasionally need a pain med, or sedative, or emetic, or something that would be for general office use, and *not* dispensed, that needs to be a specific strength that is not commercially available.	1/9/2020 9:32 AM
16	If the medication is not on my shelf right now, then treatment may be delayed 5-7 days.	1/9/2020 7:48 AM
17	Vital importance to have accessibility to these medications for the health and welfare of our patients.	1/8/2020 2:59 PM
18	Allows for more accurate dosing especially in small dog and in cats	1/8/2020 7:17 AM
19	CRITICALLY important	1/7/2020 10:27 PM
20	We have ready access to compounding as needed so do not maintain office stock.	1/7/2020 1:55 PM
21	I use essential pain medications for both cats and dogs for my surgical procedures and other painful conditions.	1/7/2020 1:51 PM
22	Our patients are critically ill - they often cannot wait for an ordered medication to be sent to them. Having medication in hospital allows veterinarians to provide safe access to medication, so a human pharmacist isn't changing a medication that puts an animal at risk! It may be easier	1/7/2020 10:00 AM

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for owners to administer the selected compounded formula the hospital stocks which makes it more like the pet can be treated.

23	These medications save lives	1/6/2020 2:11 PM
24	At this time, the only compounded medication we keep in stock at our hospital is apomorphine for inducing vomiting in cases of toxicity. While this is the only one we keep, it is important to practice as we do not have the luxury of waiting for an order to arrive in cases of acute toxicities.	1/6/2020 10:43 AM
25	Compounding of medications for use in NHPs permit use of orally available and palatable medications to treat infectious diseases. Additionally, we compound antibiotics for use in treating infected cranial implants.	1/5/2020 8:03 PM
26	Compounded medication often take time to prepare and in some cases need to be mailed, so it is very important to be able to have some forms of compounded medication in the clinic so that they are quickly available	1/5/2020 4:51 PM
27	Die I keep my prices low on spaying cats because the rural area I live in is overrun with them. After working at a shelter for several years where I was putting down as many cats as there were days in the month, month after month, I decided to encourage farmers and people within the city to spay and neuter cats in their area. I can ONLY do this if I can access buprenorphine sustained release because it will provide pain relief for 3 days. Current products on the market only last 1 day...anyone who has had surgery knows 1 day of pain relief is NOT ACCEPTABLE!! Because of certain laws already, I am not able to compound omeprazole for gastric ulcers in horses. The products on the market cost the average horse owner \$900 per horse to treat them for 28 days. I prescribe the products on the market but my clients refuse due to the cost. Keep in mind my markup is only \$2.95 per tube because I really want my clients to treat their horses and yet they are still refusing due to cost. If you make it more difficult for us to do our job in treating these patients you will see more animals suffer. Correction..I will see more animals suffer.	1/5/2020 3:46 PM
28	Having appropriate medications on hand I s absolutely pivotal portion of our health plans- with not having meds available, due to reasons such as manufacturing "backorder," will create the situation in which we cannot use the correct medication for the issues our patient's have.	1/5/2020 7:34 AM
29	I've already transitioned to prescribing directly through Wedgewood for most items. I keep urgent need drugs, such as mirtazapine tiny tabs, metronidazole tiny tabs and gabapentin tiny tabs on hand.	1/5/2020 7:07 AM
30	I am inclined to order/prescribe compounded medicine on a case by case basis, however when we cannot get meds we need due to backorders, it would be helpful to be able to stock compounded replacements until regular stock becomes available.	1/4/2020 4:44 PM
31	Compounding pharmacies take days to over a week to send your medications, the closest local pharmacy is 30 min away. My patients need medications urgently in many instances!	1/4/2020 3:24 PM
32	Especially with pain-relief and cats. Need something safe, effective and that THE CLIENT CAN ADMINISTER. This means having it in suspensions and transdermal forms.	1/4/2020 12:22 PM
33	For those medications we use regularly it is very important	1/3/2020 10:53 PM
34	There are many drugs not commercially available that we use daily in hospital - typically based on concentration, route of administration, and type (liquid vs tab vs capsule). Our patients sizes range more than humans and make it sometimes challenging to use commercially available medications that are not veterinary specific	1/3/2020 9:42 PM
35	It is helpful to keep a small quantity of a commonly used compounded medication for ready-use instead of placing a separate order each time I need it (and waiting for it to arrive)	1/3/2020 3:42 PM
36	Wedgewood is my last line of defense in many medical situations ensuring the survival of my patients. I often have to call Wedgewood to obtain critical medications for my equine patients since they are no longer available through standard commercial pharmacies.	1/3/2020 1:38 PM
37	We utilize compounded buprenorphine transmucosal for post-surgical feline patients. Without access to this drug we would struggle achieving appropriate pain control at a reasonable cost to owners.	1/3/2020 12:49 PM
38	Time is critical in many cases.	1/3/2020 11:24 AM

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39	The practice I work with keeps a couple medications on hand to dispense as deemed necessary. This includes Ponazuril liquid for coccidia treatment in dogs/cats and compounded chews of Prednisone 5 mg for felines.	1/3/2020 10:06 AM
40	Both shortages and cost make having compounded medication availability crucial on a daily basis!	1/3/2020 9:39 AM
41	See notes from previous questions.	1/3/2020 1:21 AM
42	It can take over a week to get a compounded drug even from our local pharmacy and I mainly keep antibiotics as a compounded liquid. Waiting a week for an antibiotic could be disastrous	1/2/2020 6:58 PM
43	Die We have greatly reduced the amount of compounded medications that can be held in the hospital due to the regulations. My smaller patients could suffer in pain without access to compounded gabapentin and cancer patients could potentially die without immediate access to rescue chemotherapy drugs such as L-asparaginase. We would be doing animals a disservice by not allowing any compounded medications to be stocked at all.	1/2/2020 6:03 PM
44	We don't always have time to wait, they need meds ASAP	1/2/2020 5:59 PM
45	Some medications we use are not available commercially in dose sizes that are useful for animals, it is difficult to split a capsule	1/2/2020 5:28 PM
46	We use compounded antibiotics, antiparasitics and analgesics every single day in our animal shelter. It would be completely cost prohibitive for us to have prescriptions for each individual animal.	1/2/2020 4:41 PM
47	Commercially available drugs are often not available in forms and/or concentrations appropriate for my patients. Compounded meds are often their lifelines!	1/2/2020 3:48 PM
48	There are certain medications that we can't get at certain mg/ dose that is appropriate for certain patients . Compounding pharmacies enable us to administer needed medications with more ease	1/2/2020 3:46 PM
49	See previous comments--but also the compounded medicines are the first line of defense for a patient until something comes in from a regular supplier. Nothing is same day or next day for my practice. I have to have compounded items on hand.	1/2/2020 2:43 PM
50	The availability of certain compounded medications in our office is important because the pet often needs the medication now and if they have to wait for it to be compounded and then sent to them it might be detrimental to there life.	1/2/2020 1:42 PM
51	The critical cases benefit immediately from receiving the medications before they leave.	1/2/2020 1:26 PM
52	All of my patients reside at my place of work, so there is not dispensing per-say	1/2/2020 1:13 PM
53	I depend on compounding pharmacies to provide the medication directly to the client.	1/2/2020 1:13 PM
54	Compound drugs save so many pet lives, if a drug is on back order, we can compound the drug to continue treatment and save lives.	1/2/2020 12:19 PM
55	It is very important to have access to compounded medications for our pet clients.	1/2/2020 12:17 PM
56	It gives us the ability to administer medications in a timely manner	1/2/2020 12:06 PM
57	I want clients to be able to easily treat their pets as opposed to resorting to euthanasia	1/2/2020 11:40 AM
58	Urgent glaucoma, ulcer, inflammatory and infectious disease treatments will be delayed for days to weeks if medications are not readily available immediately! Patients will suffer!	1/2/2020 11:29 AM
59	We very often need to start medications immediately. Not having things on hand would affect outcomes.	1/2/2020 11:25 AM
60	I order compounded medication for individual animals.	1/2/2020 11:13 AM
61	For critical care or short term post-operative needs this is vital.	12/31/2019 12:52 PM
62	Having it in the hospital is easier than waiting 3 to 5 days (sometimes up to ten) for the compounded medication to be delivered to the client. Human pharmacies do not often carry the dose sizes that we need for animals.	12/30/2019 1:05 PM
63	For me, it is not as crucial, but being able to order directly from a compounding pharmacy is	12/29/2019 8:57 PM

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	critical	
64	We rely on compounded office stock medications for acute conditions, such as metronidazole for diarrhea in our cat and very small dog patients. The human metronidazole tablet is very bitter and nearly impossible to give to a cat. However, it can be compounded in the benzoate form which is not as bitter. In addition, the smallest human tablet is 250 mg. The dose for cats and small dogs is 50 mg, impossible to fractionate accurately from a 250 mg tablet.	12/28/2019 6:17 PM
65	There are just some medications we CANNOT get for our pets anymore , any other way! Some of them need to be started ASAP- not days later after waiting for compounded delivery.	12/28/2019 1:42 PM
66	In the case of heart medications, being able to dispense the correct dose in clinic is sometimes a matter of life and death. We need to be able to start medications immediately.	12/28/2019 12:44 PM
67	Delays in treatment adversely impact outcome, thus having availability of a variety of medications that may address a patient's issues immediately is of vital importance and may impact viability.	12/28/2019 11:07 AM
68	Too many of the compounded medications we order are only available as a compound or are currently on back order from our usual sources.	12/28/2019 7:49 AM
69	Small or large patients can have illnesses that need to be treated asap, not 3-4 days later. If these quality controlled formulas are not readily available then they end up being "compounded" on-site resulting in an end product w/ no quality controls.	12/28/2019 6:10 AM
70	We often can't wait 2-5 days for the medication to come in.	12/27/2019 6:55 PM
71	Resistant ear infections or dogs that are difficult to treat need compounded ear meds. Small animals need doses smaller than what is available.	12/27/2019 5:59 PM
72	for the same reasons compounded medications in general are important to us, we need to have a way to treat small animals with a medication that fits their dosage, and that we can get them started on immediately	12/27/2019 4:54 PM
73	mostly for small animals so we can treat and refill in a timely manner.	12/27/2019 3:51 PM
74	Particularly with antibiotics, a several day wait for medications to be compounded can mean that effective treatment can't start and that puts treatment at risk	12/27/2019 11:20 AM
75	Maintaining at least a week supply for dispensing is important, as it usually takes at least a week for most compounded medicine to be made and shipped.	12/27/2019 11:16 AM
76	There is better owner compliance when you can send them home with a medication to start right away, rather than going through multiple step ordering process. Also for serious illness, it helps the patient to start medication right away rather than waiting a few days for shipping.	12/27/2019 10:16 AM
77	Sometimes it is best medicine to have the ability to start the patient on a compounded medication while the Owner awaits for their supply to arrive.	12/27/2019 9:00 AM
78	There are times we need pets started on medications right now, not 3-5 business days later when it will show up in the mail.	12/27/2019 8:56 AM
79	So many drugs are unavailable. Compounded meds help to treat our patients.	12/27/2019 8:13 AM
80	Without compounded items many animals and livestock would not be treated for infectious diseases.	12/27/2019 6:44 AM
81	see previous response. We could not be able to care for our patients as accurately and as effectively without specially formulated medications for animals. There is also the added benefit of being able to tailor a medication to the pallet of the patient being treated- like chicken flavored doxycycline liquid for a cat is much safer than pills. We order ophthalmics that are specific to the animal, in carrier oils that the species can tolerate better than the human alternatives.	12/26/2019 4:03 PM
82	We don't stock products in the office for use anymore. Our state went back and forth on the rules for this years ago and we stopped the practice while waiting for the outcome. Ultimately, it was approved to carry a minimal amount, but we no longer do.	12/26/2019 3:49 PM
83	Since many medications are no longer available through distributors, such as theophylline, compounded medications are a must in treatment of many disorders	12/26/2019 3:33 PM

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84	many of these drugs need to have treatment started immediately not in four or five days when compounded drug gets to us	12/26/2019 2:56 PM
85	An animal with diarrhea needs meds NOW, not in 2 days. Those drugs not available in appropriate sizes for some sizes of pets are solved with dispensable compounded meds	12/26/2019 1:51 PM
86	Again standard pharmacies do not carry most animal drugs. Also, many of our patients are too small for the medications available. Compounding pharmacies can provide liquid forms which allow for accurate dosing.	12/26/2019 1:06 PM
87	Especially important for ear problems	12/26/2019 12:20 PM
88	Examples include metronidazole for small puppies and kittens and doxycycline liquid for cats	12/26/2019 11:03 AM
89	When a sick pet comes in to the clinic many times we need to start the medication right now. We do not have the time to wait for that specific pets compounded medication to come in. Example is tick borne for small dogs, GI stasis in rabbits which is life threatening, constipated cats, etc.	12/26/2019 10:40 AM
90	As I stated before, having something cost less, that is easier to give, what do you think? Hell yes compounding is HUGELY important	12/24/2019 7:18 PM
91	It allows me to dispense medication immediately as compared to having to wait for medication to be order and arrive at the owner's address.	12/24/2019 10:27 AM
92	Sometimes we have no other way of getting pets the medications they need.	12/24/2019 7:08 AM
93	Very important and I reach for compounded medications on an almost daily basis.	12/23/2019 11:33 PM
94	Again, practicing small animal avian and exotic medicine would significantly reduce our level of care without compounded medication in stock	12/23/2019 7:44 PM
95	Most of the conditions I treat with compounded medications do not have the luxury of waiting 3 or more days to receive their meds from a large compounding pharmacy. This is detrimental to the health of the animal. Being able to start them on a compounded medication while they wait for their order is one reason why we need office stock of some medications.	12/23/2019 7:29 PM
96	Time is of the essence in some treatments and having things readily available can save lives.	12/23/2019 6:37 PM
97	It is more important that we be able to dispense compounded medications from Wedgewood or other compounding pharmacies. We don't dispense compounded medications from the clinic. There are a few things that we use in house for in patients.	12/23/2019 5:22 PM
98	Shelters rely on compounded medications to prevent communicable diseases	12/23/2019 5:20 PM
99	We are a shelter so we have a lot of animals on the same meds and rely on office stock, especially for cats that we don't have meds in the right dose size for	12/23/2019 4:40 PM
100	many urgent conditions need to be medicated within 24 hours to be effective	12/23/2019 4:25 PM
101	Many patients simply wouldn't receive the proper treatment without stocked medication.	12/23/2019 3:47 PM
102	Acute ear infections are treated immediately with in hospital supplies.	12/23/2019 3:44 PM
103	Exotic species require unusual drugs in non-standard doses.	12/23/2019 2:13 PM
104	Die We refill medications for heart conditions from compounded medications, and if we didn't have these, some animals would die.	12/23/2019 1:02 PM
105	Especially for cats, we need to have liquid formulations of everything!	12/23/2019 12:43 PM
106	Good example is cytaux or Bob Cat Fever.	12/23/2019 12:37 PM
107	I work in shelter medicine, so compounded medications in house is essential, as we frequently encounter pets that can not be handled. Therefore, compounded medications provide us a tool to be able to hide medications in food to continue to treat their conditions without handling, if possible.	12/23/2019 12:19 PM
108	We keep compounded medications on hand to treat animals at the shelter, especially kittens that come in with upper respiratory.	12/23/2019 12:06 PM
109	To include my personal animal who needs a compounded medication twice a day for the rest of	12/23/2019 11:50 AM

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	her life.	
110	Same reason as before.	12/23/2019 11:40 AM
111	Die CRITICAL. Not only for day to day, hour to hour operation of the hospital, but also for the client/patient. Sure we could write an rx for it, but if we have a puppy dying of pneumonia, the meds are needed NOW , not in 3 days.	12/23/2019 11:40 AM
112	Again, some of the medications we use are not formulated in the strengths we need.	12/23/2019 11:36 AM
113	Some medications or formulations are cost prohibitive to order just for one patient. Additionally, the time delay from prescription of a medication to the arrival could be problematic, even dangerous for some of our patients and clients.	12/23/2019 10:57 AM
114	We house and treat over 1000 animals on any given day. Without office stock I would not be able to treat patients in a timely manner.	12/23/2019 10:50 AM
115	It is very difficult to effectively do my job without having the medications I need to treat my patients. Having to script and order them individually greatly delays treatment. In some cases this means they suffer for days or even death depending on the situation.	12/23/2019 10:26 AM
116	It is essential to have office stock of compounded meds so that the patient can be treated at the time they are seen.	12/23/2019 10:18 AM
117	Critical!! Doxy is the best treatment for feline URI and compounded liquid is the only safe and reliable way we can administer it. Buprenorphine injectable, oral and SR are critical for our pain management. Without compounding it would be cost prohibitive. We need to be able to compound drug mixtures like DKT in house as well.	12/23/2019 10:12 AM
118	ponazuril or secnidazole important to dispense on the spot if the pet is severely down/dehydrated from diarrhea. Nice to have not life or death.	12/23/2019 10:04 AM
119	For acute viral infections and glaucoma patient, it is very important.	12/23/2019 9:44 AM
120	Having an office stock is important for animals that need same-day medication and that need a smaller amount, which is not financially feasible without the option of the office stock.	12/23/2019 9:42 AM
121	Most medications are not available for office stock at this time so unable to completely answer this question.	12/23/2019 9:40 AM
122	We have many patients on compound medications for long term use.	12/23/2019 9:33 AM
123	Often I need to dispense a medication right away for a patient, and waiting 2-3 days or more for the client to receive the medication is not an option.	12/23/2019 9:20 AM
124	We would be unable to treat small animals with specific conditions without access to compounded medications.	12/23/2019 9:20 AM
125	We hospitalize a lot of patients and they are typically not eating well. The ability to administer medication via transdermal route is critical, as not all medications are available for IV or SQ administration.	12/23/2019 9:19 AM
126	A three day wait is NOT appropriate for many conditions and we need all of the tools in our toolbox for our animals. Having compounded medications in "pet-friendly" flavors helps improve compliance and outcomes!	12/23/2019 9:18 AM
127	Without access to compounded medications in hospital, my patients would suffer. More male cats would have a complete urethral obstruction. More patients would require hospitalization for diarrhea.	12/23/2019 9:18 AM
128	Many medications are needed immediately and can not wait 1-5 days to receive them via mail. Having certain medications available in a compounded form in hospital to dispense from in office stock is of paramount importance to the health and well being of many animals.	12/23/2019 9:15 AM
129	Sizing is so vital for correct dosing for patients. One size does not fit all.	12/23/2019 8:43 AM
130	again, with backorders and limited drug availability, compounding is very important option to have.	12/23/2019 6:54 AM
131	1 dose administration for whip worm and tape worm treatment does not exist outside of compounding.	12/23/2019 6:29 AM

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132	Patients need to be treated right away. When they have to wait multiple days to receive the medication they need, their health suffers.	12/23/2019 6:15 AM
133	We see 60% feline patients and call in prescriptions to the compounding pharmacy nearly daily.	12/22/2019 8:40 PM
134	I work in an emergency clinic so I need to be able to access compound liquid medications for patients that are too small for the commercially available capsules/tablets.	12/22/2019 7:19 PM
135	Where else are veterinarians to go to when unique medications are required?	12/22/2019 4:53 PM
136	Medications in various forms for small animals frequently need to be available for immediate use. Having to use a prescription filled by the client wastes valuable time for a positive patient outcome.	12/22/2019 2:27 PM
137	It is very convenient to have the medications available to dispense when the patient needs it.	12/22/2019 12:35 PM
138	Urgencies and emergencies cannot be predicted! We need sufficient stock of compounded medications to serve our patients!	12/22/2019 9:42 AM
139	These are meds we can't obtain otherwise	12/21/2019 5:29 PM
140	Having to wait for a medication to be shipped to a pet when they need the medications immediately will delay treatment and some cases worsen the disease process.	12/21/2019 3:32 PM
141	For some medications that have common demand and immediate application need (not in 3-5 days after ordering and shipping), keeping compounded medication in inventory is very helpful.	12/21/2019 2:06 PM
142	Some people can only afford a small amount of meds at a time. I'm able to keep these life saving meds on hand. Provides better quality of life to pet and owner	12/21/2019 11:57 AM
143	If I need to order meds and wait for their delivery this postpones treatment for a few days. In some instances this can be critical to life.	12/21/2019 10:09 AM
144	We are in rural Arizona, and do not have a compounder within driving distance. If we did not stock compounded medications, MANY more animals would be euthanized.	12/21/2019 9:58 AM
145	It is very important to treat conditions as soon as possible. If meds have to be ordered, there can be days to weeks delay in treatment.	12/21/2019 9:33 AM
146	There are times where, in order to make a pet immediately comfortable an in stock compounded medication is needed. Without this a pet would have to wait several days for the medication to be delivered to them.	12/21/2019 9:32 AM
147	There are many reasons for this, whether it be less expensive medications that some owners wouldn't have available otherwise (not everyone works for the government and gets benefits and paid more than they are worth). Also, backordered items and then just medications that are helpful in different concentrations.	12/21/2019 8:50 AM
148	Patients need the medications to remain well, just as much as in human medicine.	12/21/2019 7:27 AM
149	Medication generally needs to begin immediately	12/21/2019 7:06 AM
150	Without compounded medications, I would not be able to treat the 1-2 pound kitten that is sick. There are not enough sizes of most medications to get us into the correct dosage ranges commercially.	12/21/2019 7:05 AM
151	Compliance	12/21/2019 5:53 AM
152	One of the medications we depend on from the compounding pharmacy is Doxycycline. Lyme disease is a huge problem in our area and we see new cases frequently. Trying to obtain this antibiotic in the proper strengths through a distributor is often not possible and also more costly.	12/21/2019 5:32 AM
153	I only stock a few compounded medication for office use. When I need them I need them immediately. My patient should not have to wait a week or more for medication.	12/20/2019 10:50 PM
154	I work with many species of exotic animals. Many of these animals are very tiny and there is no other way to get a small enough dose. Therefore we must be able to compound these meds in order to treat these patients. Birds, reptiles, and small primates are among these that I treat in my hospital.	12/20/2019 10:41 PM
155	Die There are many drugs such as apomorphine which are only available through compounding and are for emergency use. If you need apomorphine for a pet, you need it now.	12/20/2019 9:35 PM

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If you have to wait for it to be compounded for an individual pet, that pet may well die before it is ready.

156	It is easier to convince owners that a particular compounded medication is worth the investment if I can dispense a small amount for the to try before getting them a prescription of larger volume from the compounding pharmacy directly.	12/20/2019 9:26 PM
157	Not only do I need compounded medications for the reasons I previously mentioned, but as some pets are very tiny or very large, I need compounded medications for the correct dose to be given.	12/20/2019 9:21 PM
158	Similar to last response- delays in treatment waiting for medication may cost the animal it's well being or even its life in some circumstances. It is unreasonable to expect people to wait to treat their pet when there is absolutely no good reason to wait.	12/20/2019 9:00 PM
159	Again this is due to the consistent lack availability of commercial product.	12/20/2019 8:16 PM
160	being able to order commonly compounded medications in larger volume helps keep the price reasonable so clients can afford to treat pets long term.	12/20/2019 8:12 PM
161	Many of these medications are needed that same day. The multi day delay in getting a product compounded may be the difference in a successful outcome or not.	12/20/2019 7:56 PM
162	Office stock saves lives. There is not always time to stop and order. Minutes matter.	12/20/2019 7:15 PM
163	As stated, hospital use of compounded medications is critical for not overdosing many of our pets.	12/20/2019 7:03 PM
164	I can't wait 3 or 4 days	12/20/2019 6:11 PM
165	exotic hospital, only one in town that has certain compounds available.	12/20/2019 5:46 PM
166	Working in a shelter, my patients may not have a long term duration here so having a source of limited options are very valuable to have in my arsenal. This allows for use on both different species and sized animals.	12/20/2019 1:53 PM
167	We are a large municipal animal shelter, so access to large quantities of compounded medications such as antibiotics and antiparasitic medications is essential.	12/20/2019 1:29 PM
168	Compliance is drastically diminished when not able to stock. I ordered a compounded transdermal med for a patient recently for which they were to be out of in 1 month; 2 months later she wanted more with 24 hrs notice. I ordered and had it for her in a week - in this case already going off of the med for 4 weeks - a week more didn't matter, but on and off continually by not being able to stock is a problem. She was upset that her Friday evening order didn't arrive for a week. Stocking it would have helped because even though we type on the discharge that the client signs saying a week notice is required for refill - they seem to ignore it/don't follow it...	12/20/2019 12:16 PM
169	This keeps medications from being cost prohibitive for pet owners.	12/20/2019 11:52 AM
170	There are medications no longer available on the human side, therefore no longer available from distribution which are extremely essential in a patients health	12/20/2019 11:44 AM
171	We often hospitalize animals that need certain medications immediately in house and it is important that we not have to wait to get it compounded and shipped.	12/20/2019 11:35 AM
172	The range of sizes of patients treated in our office necessitates the availability of compounded medications to ensure correct dosing for companion animals weighing less then 3 lbs to ones that weigh over 175 lbs.	12/20/2019 10:58 AM
173	This is ideal for instances where drugs like metronidazole are needed for very small pets. Also, this is critical if the practice sees exotic pets	12/20/2019 10:22 AM
174	Timing is extremely important when prescribing medications for sick pets. Pets may suffer if they have to wait 3-5 days to receive a specific compounded medication. Also, many pet owners will not return to purchase medications if they are not available at the time of the appointment.	12/20/2019 10:05 AM
175	Many clients do not plan ahead for medication refills. In addition newly diagnosed and acute need patients may have significant health impacts if we cannot stock sufficient compounded medications to address immediate needs.	12/20/2019 8:36 AM

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176	Having office stock enables us to start on these medications while the patient specific script is on its way.	12/20/2019 7:43 AM
177	It saves time so I'd have the medication ready for a patient that needs it in a hurry rather than waiting for a new order.	12/19/2019 10:34 PM
178	Injectable chemotherapy cannot be prescribed to be dispensed at home. It MUST be given in clinic.	12/19/2019 6:42 PM
179	Being able to alleviate pain in a timely manner is critical to the success of treatment and for quality of life for my patients. Having to order it and wait 24-72 hours or more is not workable. It is cruelty to animals to deny this to them.	12/19/2019 5:40 PM
180	Availability is crucial in this area. We have lots of clients that only spend 6 months here in winter. Need to continue to provide needed treatment.	12/19/2019 2:56 PM
181	Back orders are another primary reason we need to have compounded drugs.	12/19/2019 1:08 PM
182	The delay in treatment cannot be overstated if medication is not readily available. Office stock medication is vital to the health of the equine population.	12/19/2019 12:39 PM
183	Office stock medications allow us to provide medications to our shelter animals - such as buprenorphine to animals that come in hit by a car or with traumatic injuries. It also allows us to provide medication to surgery animals - such as a post operative meloxicam injection.	12/19/2019 12:02 PM
184	See previous comment.	12/19/2019 11:18 AM
185		12/19/2019 10:57 AM
186	The option of having office stock compounded medications makes a huge difference in the ability to get the animal on the proper medication that suits the patient in a timely manner.	12/19/2019 10:23 AM
187	Again, these are sometimes life saving medications. Having a good number of senior clients who are unable to order online, it is important that we be able to provide their pets these medications.	12/19/2019 10:09 AM
188	Having drugs on hand to treat animals is of utmost importance. I never know when an emergency is going to happen (always a Friday night with a Monday holiday!) or how many animals are going to be affected.	12/19/2019 9:58 AM
189	Let's be practical, without the ability to have access to many compounded drugs, my patients lives would be severely compromised.	12/19/2019 9:55 AM
190	We order compounded metronidazole and gabapentin for use in clinic or to dispense small amounts	12/19/2019 9:21 AM
191	Not having office stock would cause a delay in treatment. This could have grave consequences for eye infections. For skin infections it could cause spread of disease throughout a barn.	12/19/2019 9:06 AM
192	Many of the ophthalmic/topical medications are for life.	12/19/2019 9:04 AM
193	Some drugs, this is the only way we can get them. Otherwise the patient can't get the treatment at all.	12/19/2019 8:56 AM
194	We need compounded medications for the smaller pets (10 lbs and under).	12/19/2019 8:08 AM
195	Some medications are not available in a commercial produced product.	12/19/2019 8:05 AM
196	If we cannot resolve patient issues, we lose customers; plain and simple.	12/19/2019 7:20 AM
197	Many of these pets need their medications now and not waiting 2-7 days before they can start treatment. How upset would you be if you went to the pharmacy and they told you no medication for a week? We expect our medications Now not latter, it does happen occasionally but not often and when it does it usually not something that is needed urgently.	12/19/2019 2:08 AM
198	Many medications are not available in formulation or size for small pets especially and waiting even a day could have serious ramifications.	12/18/2019 11:46 PM
199	Without the ability to have atypical dosing of critical medications (eg enalapril for 3 lb dogs) I would be unable to adequately treat these dogs without the risk of overdosing.	12/18/2019 10:28 PM

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200	Appropriate dosing of antibiotics, pain medications and life saving medications day of exam!,	12/18/2019 9:44 PM
201	If an emergency occurs and I need to or a client with a current vcpr exists, I am not able to give or sell a dose or a few dosages to sedate a deer hunt in a fence or with a broken leg, etc. I have to call in durin regular office hours and have the pharmacy overnight a sedative that would reach the client at the earlier in 2 days. That's not taking care or wounded animals or compassionate care	12/18/2019 8:56 PM
202	Veterinarians often are the central location for animal welfare in their communities, the community relies on the veterinarian to be able to provide immediate care, whether pain relief in an emergency, or chronic ongoing pain relief, or many other important treatable diseases that rely on medications to improve health and safeguard human health along side family pets or food animal wellbeing. Many circumstances require vets to not only prescribe but compound and dispense life enhancing and life saving medications at the time of exam and diagnosis.	12/18/2019 8:27 PM
203	Our patients are small and unable to communicate their illness to their owners often until they are dangerously sick. We need to be able to begin treatment immediately to avoid severe complications. Our patients can't wait 5-7 days to receive their medication. This ability to provide immediate treatment will save the lives of some of our most vulnerable patients	12/18/2019 8:01 PM
204	Many drugs are urgently needed by our patients and can not wait until the compounding pharmacy is open and can make the medication in an appropriate size. This is especially true when a patient is seen on a Friday afternoon or a weekend. Being able to dispense the appropriate medication at the appointment makes a huge difference for the pet and the owner. Additionally, many of our clients can not afford to miss work to pick up their pet's medication if the owner's work schedule or location makes it difficult to get to the pharmacy when open. Mail order pharmacies do ship medications but that delays the pet starting their treatment even longer.	12/18/2019 7:30 PM
205	I'm mobile and don't keep in office stocks	12/18/2019 7:23 PM
206	Many exotic species are not brought to me early in the disease process, they are often on deaths door. If I have to wait for an ordered product to arrive, it would tragically be too late	12/18/2019 7:17 PM
207	Without compounded medications, many of our patients would go untreated and their lives would be adversely affected.	12/18/2019 6:31 PM
208	As I mentioned previously, if the medications are not available when our patients need them they may not survive until they are available next.	12/18/2019 6:12 PM
209	patients can't wait the 4-5 days it takes to receive compounded drugs	12/18/2019 6:10 PM
210	The process of compounding and shipping to Alaska generally takes multiple days. Having a small stock of most commonly needed compounded drugs allows use to immediately begin treatment.	12/18/2019 6:02 PM
211	It is easier on owners to have such medication available rather than to have to go elsewhere to obtain the medication, often at increased expense.	12/18/2019 5:57 PM
212	many of my ophthalmic patients are hospitalized and in hospital treatment is vital to sucessful treatment.	12/18/2019 5:50 PM
213	see previous note	12/18/2019 5:39 PM
214	It can sometimes take days to weeks when an animal needs the medication NOW!	12/18/2019 5:20 PM
215	Not being able to stock items often delays necessary treatment of the patient.	12/18/2019 5:00 PM
216	Die If a pet is ill and we need a medication that is only available through compounding, delaying care until that medication is available can affect the outcome negative. In some cases pets could die without having certain medications on hand.	12/18/2019 4:51 PM
217	Medications are made for larger animals, and difficulty with administration, patient size, needs for each species must be taken into account to provide appropriate care	12/18/2019 4:47 PM
218	We currently only order compounded meds for specific patients but would consider keeping office stock if legal	12/18/2019 4:29 PM
219	Prompt treatment reduces animal suffering. Showing clients how to administer the medication facilitates compliance.	12/18/2019 4:20 PM

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220	For the medications that are needed to treat certain maladies I need them on hand	12/18/2019 4:13 PM
221	Animals perish daily when we do not have certain medications 'on hand'. Time from need, to ready to administer is important to survival of for these animals if we are not allowed to have them on hand. How do we fulfill our oath to save lives and prevent the suffering with our hands handcuffed behind behind us?	12/18/2019 4:12 PM
222	We use office stock medications every day for diagnostic testing in-office and go-home therapies for patients. This provides immediate diagnostic information, immediate comfort for the eyes, and more rapid disease control/reduced risk of sequelae.	12/18/2019 4:06 PM
223	See previous answer	12/18/2019 4:02 PM
224	As long as I have feline patients, I never want to be without the option of transdermal gels.	12/18/2019 4:00 PM
225	offer immediate treatments	12/18/2019 3:57 PM
226	Most clients may have to choose if the can continue to manage their pets issues. Extra costs may cut pets lives short	12/18/2019 3:43 PM
227	We often needs med now. Not 7 days from now	12/18/2019 3:34 PM
228	Elderly pet parents have a very tough time administering medications and applying medications in the ears. WE use long term ear formulations to help our clients treating pet's ears.	12/18/2019 3:26 PM
229	Many clients need compounded medicine in order to admister drugs safely to their pets without frightening.	12/18/2019 3:25 PM
230	While many patients could wait a few days for their compounded meds to arrive, there are some patients who need them immediately, and if we are unable to dispense them, this could have lifethreatening consequences for pets.	12/18/2019 3:02 PM
231	It would be very helpful to be able to dispense a week or more of a short term drug that I commonly use for short term issues.	12/18/2019 2:55 PM
232	We are better able to have clients follow recommendations of certain treatments when we can provide the medication here at the time of their visit.	12/18/2019 2:54 PM
233	We see a LOT of heartworm disease and it is more economical and convenient for clients to have to give their great Pyrenees 1 tab 400 mg Doxycycline then 4 capsules, just as an example	12/18/2019 2:37 PM
234	Daily need	12/18/2019 2:32 PM
235	Compounding pharmacies allow for medications to be more accurately dispensed and allow for different formulations than the name brand manufacturers	12/18/2019 2:28 PM
236	We use compounded buprenorphine daily as part of our drug protocol.	12/18/2019 2:26 PM
237	Because compounded medications have to be ordered, keeping office stock of some of these medications allows us to start treatment for more urgent conditions.	12/18/2019 2:21 PM
238	I would say for particular cases but I call in medications to compounding pharmacy for owners to pick up then bring them if their pet is hospitalized	12/18/2019 2:18 PM
239	I work emergency, my patients don't have the time to wait for the owners to get a prescription filled themselves, which can take a week!	12/18/2019 2:11 PM
240	Again, it is VITAL to the care of our patients to be able to provide compounded medications.	12/18/2019 2:02 PM
241	I order as needed but it would be helpful to have a few key items in stock	12/18/2019 2:00 PM
242	Certain medications (oral enrofloxacin) are essential. Others (oral doxycycline) are available in other formulations that can be used in certain situations while awaiting the compounded formulation.	12/18/2019 2:00 PM
243	Convenience for clients	12/18/2019 1:59 PM
244	My clients want to start treatment right away. Having office stock allows me to dispense appropriate products in the appropriate dosage right away and get their pet on the road to recovery.	12/18/2019 1:56 PM

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245	Who is responsible to the the owner and his horse foe quality treatment the Veterinarian. If I can not have the drug i need read ally available i can not give quality care hence I become liable and could be sued by the owner.	12/18/2019 1:53 PM
246	Some medications are not available to us (vet hospitals) in their original forms and without this option we would not be able to prescribe them to pets at all.	12/18/2019 1:51 PM
247	We need to get meds into our patients ASAP sometimes and compounded meds may be the only option	12/18/2019 1:47 PM
248	Being able to send home the correct medicine needed with the owner at the time of the appointment allows for best treatment.	12/18/2019 1:39 PM
249	Many of my patients in need of a compounded medication need it immediately. We rarely have the two days it takes to received the medication before we can initiate treatment	12/18/2019 1:36 PM
250	There are certain drugs that need to be started right away for a good outcome. You can't wait days or a week to start the medication. The animal could be dead before you get the medication.	12/18/2019 1:36 PM
251	It is most important when pets are difficult to pill with capsules that we may be able to use a suspension formulation especially if the pet is small.	12/18/2019 1:24 PM
252	We order computed apomorphine for poisonings.	12/18/2019 1:24 PM
253	Certain conditions such as parasitism need to be addressed immediately.	12/18/2019 1:21 PM
254	We need to have the medications on hand and readily available when needed	12/18/2019 1:19 PM
255	It would be nice to have certain things like liquid metronidazole, however, we cannot.	12/18/2019 1:13 PM
256	It would be most helpful to be allowed to dispense from compounded office stock.	12/18/2019 1:13 PM
257	We are lucky to live in an area where we have a trustworthy local compounding pharmacy that can get medications to our patients within 1-2 days. For some conditions that delay is acceptable. There are other conditions, however, where patient care suffers because of a delay in getting compounded medication. For those conditions it's important that we have a select few compounded medications on hand.	12/18/2019 1:09 PM
258	Compliance is much better if we can send the medication right home with the client.	12/18/2019 1:07 PM
259	with drugs like doxycycline and pimobenden we hate for animals to have to wait several days to recieve meds.	12/18/2019 1:07 PM
260	When an exotic pet needs medications, such as antibiotics, we need to be able to start them immediately. Waiting a few days is not feasible and the pet's health could deteriorate rapidly.	12/18/2019 1:01 PM
261	Especially for peri-operative care and in the face of the opioid shortage, there are very few commercially available products that are available for use to control surgical pain. Also for those patients that need to be started on medications right away and cannot wait 3 to 7 days for a compounded medication to be delivered specifically to them	12/18/2019 12:56 PM
262	We need to be able to send home medications ASAP- not in 4-5 days waiting for it to be delivered to the client.	12/18/2019 12:53 PM
263	The lag time in ordering to when an owner receives the medicine can be critical	12/18/2019 12:52 PM
264	Many owners would decline short-term medication all together if they had to order a minimum supply and wait several days to receive it from the compounding pharmacy. Many pets would be impacted if we were unable to dispense a limited quantity of compounded medications while awaiting their own prescriptions for long-term medications as this could increase hospitalization times (if we had to keep pets inpatient for longer periods of time in order to administer injectable medications until the prescriptions were to be received) and owners' ability to pay for treatment (longer hospitalization times, increased cost of injectable medications).	12/18/2019 12:45 PM
265	It allows us to dispense medications immediately instead of having to wait for medications to be compounded and shipped	12/18/2019 12:39 PM
266	Some things we use are not available in a commercial prep	12/18/2019 12:34 PM
267	When needed...not is important to be able to start treatment immediately. If needed to be	12/18/2019 12:34 PM

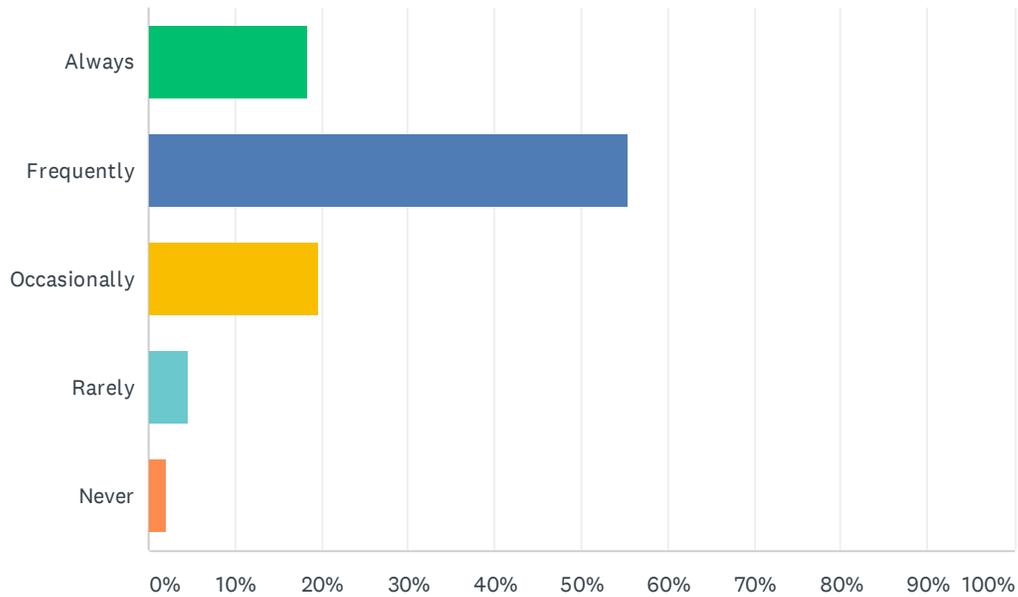
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ordered, taking several days to arrive over holidays and weekends many diseases would worsen and some animals would potentially not survive.

268	Many compounded medications are used in our office on a daily basis. We live in a rural, remote area, so having to order each compounded medication for a specific patient would significantly delay our ability to initiate treatment in a timely manner.	12/18/2019 12:34 PM
269	Delay in arrival of medications can mean the difference of life or death in small animals and exotic patients	12/18/2019 12:28 PM
270	see last answer	12/18/2019 12:25 PM
271	I dispense for researchers to use.	12/18/2019 12:24 PM
272	Most medications are needed immediately for proper patient care, and medical response	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
273	Patient health relies upon my access to compounded medications in the office. CATS are among the most common reason that I send home liquid, compounded medication, especially in the form of liquid gabapentin for pain. Cat are incredibly difficult to "pill", and thus require creative administration methods and medication formats, including transdermal gel and oral liquid.	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
274	See my previous response	12/18/2019 12:21 PM
275	Some diseases cannot wait 3-5 days for the compounded drug to come in for a specific use.	12/18/2019 12:14 PM
276	As in my previous stated in the last question. It really hampers my abilities to perform veterinary medicine!	12/18/2019 12:14 PM
277	Doesn't it simply make sense that being able to administer an in-stock, in-house medication, immediately, is more beneficial to the sick pet than having to order and wait three days to receive it?	12/18/2019 12:08 PM
278	When a pet is in need of medications it is unfeasable to have to order and wait for days for the drug to be available to the patient. This delays the treatment for the patient, and the delay can have a negative effect on the well being of the patient.	12/18/2019 12:00 PM
279	It is important to have office stock in order to get the patients started right away on medications when it might take days to a week or more to get a compounded medication shipped to the owner.	12/18/2019 12:00 PM
280	Some clients are not able to pay the higher costs for "name-brand" medications.	12/18/2019 11:59 AM
281	We see thousands of patients a day. Keeping our office stocked is highly important.	12/18/2019 11:59 AM
282	Delaying treatment by not having stock ready to be dispensed and waiting for shipment direct to consumer can be highly detrimental to patient health and also creates a divid between client and provider.	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
283	Again, it's for our smallest patients.	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
284	Apomorphine is only available as a compounded medication and we see a lot of toxin ingestions.	12/18/2019 11:54 AM
285	Some animals need medications right away and can not wait for the compounding and shipping process.	12/18/2019 11:50 AM
286	to make a pet /person wait is not fair and makes client shop out of our office and we loose money	12/18/2019 11:46 AM

Q4 How frequently do you order compounded medications for office stock?

Answered: 1,542 Skipped: 497



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Always	18.35%	283
Frequently	55.38%	854
Occasionally	19.65%	303
Rarely	4.54%	70
Never	2.08%	32
TOTAL		1,542

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#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SAY MORE ABOUT YOUR RESPONSE.	DATE
1	we are an emergency hospital and need to dispense ample amount till their prescription arrives	1/13/2020 10:28 AM
2	Several times a week	1/13/2020 9:58 AM
3	We order medications based on need for our patients. There are some medications that are not available in human medicine, in relevant dosages for veterinary medicine.	1/13/2020 9:45 AM
4	There are certain compounded medications that we use daily and would be impacted greatly if these medications were to no longer be available.	1/13/2020 8:06 AM
5	I don't order but office does.	1/11/2020 6:51 PM
6	Army policy, but the civilian clinics I work at locally ALL have them on the shelf.	1/10/2020 11:17 AM
7	I order a small amount - under \$300 a month for various cases or needs. I spend \$12000 a month on medications for patients, but every month I need something to have on hand for a case that would not otherwise have medication available that day	1/10/2020 10:13 AM
8	Every few months	1/9/2020 3:12 PM
9	Die Have to have on hand so patient can be treated right away. Can't wait 3-7 days! They would die	1/9/2020 2:53 PM
10	There are some medications that we need that are not commercially available. Without compounding this could be life threatening for some of our patients!	1/9/2020 1:07 PM
11	approximately every 7-10 days	1/9/2020 12:56 PM
12	We try to drop ship most medications. We only leave a limited stock in the office for first treatment basis	1/9/2020 11:43 AM
13	See above.	1/9/2020 9:32 AM
14	Necessary medications are very difficult to come by in the last 3 years. We make do how we can.	1/9/2020 7:20 AM
15	As an emergency hospital, we need to have hospital stock of compounded medications to start patients on right away. Most frequently, we use metronidazole, gabapentin, enrofloxacin and doxycycline (most of which would be on the list of unavailable compounded medications should this policy be enacted). We use office stock for the immediate and then write owners scripts through a compounding pharmacy for continued use as needed.	1/8/2020 1:34 PM
16	There are several medications that we absolutely maintain in stock, for immediate use as needed.	1/7/2020 10:27 PM
17	I think we must have 25 or more compounded medications we stock in hospital and use frequently!	1/7/2020 10:00 AM
18	Need to treat large colonies of small animals (mice).	1/6/2020 6:24 AM
19	I use preparations on the market first but sometimes we need different routes of delivery, different concentrations, longer durations, ect. Some of the meds on the market to treat uveitis and glaucoma sting. Have you ever tried putting a stinging medication in a horse's eye 4-6 times a day?? They get violent and will try to hurt you or the owner. THIS is why vets need access to compounded medications. You just can't tell the horse "I know this stings briefly but your horribly painful eye will feel better". I know a horse that is blind because his owner couldn't treat his eye with meds that sting. When we can compound we can order it in a different preparation that doesn't sting and the violent horse that is whacking people with it's head and rearing and striking now stands quietly. I have SEVERAL owners that went through this issue!	1/5/2020 3:46 PM
20	I am a small mobile practice. Had I still be in a brick and mortar hospital situation, I would have said "always".	1/4/2020 12:22 PM
21	I never perform this task for my office but our inventory tech does - unknown how often.	1/3/2020 9:42 PM
22	Weekly	1/3/2020 6:56 PM
23	Eye medications Oral antibiotics Oral steroids for equine COPD	1/3/2020 1:38 PM
24	I'm a relief doctor so I don't manage ordering. However, every hospital I work at has	1/3/2020 10:34 AM

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compounded drugs which are essential for our practice.

25	It is a better way to dispense medications and many clients prefer to pick up the meds at the office.	1/3/2020 4:02 AM
26	I am at a University so we have a pharmacist to follows the rules and regulations regarding approved compounded medications. It is much less than a few years ago. There are some medications that would be helpful to have on hand in the hospital again. It makes treating my patients more difficult. All the new regulations and rules are going to cause pain and suffering to both animals and their owners. It is also placing more unnecessary burdens on veterinarians who already have to jump through hoops to appropriately treat patients.	1/2/2020 6:03 PM
27	I order compounded meds whenever commercially available drugs are not available in appropriate forms and/or concentrations.	1/2/2020 3:48 PM
28	It is only "occasionally" because we are a brand new practice and are still building our clientele. Otherwise, I suspect it would be a daily thing!	1/2/2020 1:27 PM
29	We order monthly to bi monthly.	1/2/2020 1:26 PM
30	We order a stick of medication in dosage forms and flavoring to allow immediate and appropriate therapy.	1/2/2020 12:06 PM
31	We always have some on hand, especially for small patients that use commonly-available concentrations of antibiotics or pain meds.	1/2/2020 11:50 AM
32	they are 25% of my daily medications dispensed.	1/2/2020 11:29 AM
33	We generally have a supply of medications that we use frequently so that they are available when an emergency comes in.	1/2/2020 11:25 AM
34	I prescribe compounded medication for individual animals.	1/2/2020 11:13 AM
35	I don't stock a lot of medication whether compounded or otherwise, but it is crucial to have an available supply somewhere.	12/29/2019 8:57 PM
36	IF it were available I would be keeping compounded meds in stock	12/28/2019 1:42 PM
37	due to limited accredited facilities	12/28/2019 1:29 PM
38	Due to the varying issues with regulation and enforcement, we order significantly less and it has created a very negative impact on our practice and our patients.	12/28/2019 11:07 AM
39	There is no way to know from day to day whether office stock compounded medicines will be needed, so having these medications in the clinic is vital.	12/27/2019 6:55 PM
40	Apomorphine especially, this is the only emetic that works in canines.	12/27/2019 11:16 AM
41	Many of these medications that we use are not available through any other sources.	12/27/2019 6:44 AM
42	We try to keep these medications on our shelves for the convenience of our clients as there are not many sterile compounding pharmacies in California.	12/26/2019 1:00 PM
43	Depending on time of year, monthly to every 2 months	12/26/2019 12:20 PM
44	The best ear medication we've found is compounded, affordable Pimeobendan, and DES just to name a few.	12/24/2019 7:18 PM
45	There are often emergencies when we need to have these medications in stock.	12/24/2019 7:08 AM
46	Multiple times per day	12/24/2019 6:34 AM
47	As above.	12/23/2019 11:33 PM
48	I work in a corporate clinic. There have been times that I've wished we could stock compounded medications that are not available on our formulary.	12/23/2019 10:19 PM
49	Weekly	12/23/2019 5:09 PM
50	I'm a mobile clinic, so very small. But when I worked in a large clinic, it was a necessity!	12/23/2019 4:59 PM
51	again, prompt dosing can make a world of difference for an urgent condition such as constipation	12/23/2019 4:25 PM

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52	I would order in bulk for multiple patients if our state allowed it.	12/23/2019 3:47 PM
53	We keep compounded metronidazole (for the small creatures and those who hate pills) and doxycycline on hand. I probably dispense the metronidazole daily.	12/23/2019 3:02 PM
54	We order at least once a month.	12/23/2019 1:02 PM
55	Only what we need	12/23/2019 12:37 PM
56	We keep compounded medications in stock at all times and reorder as they need to be refilled.	12/23/2019 12:19 PM
57	We keep compounded medications on hand to treat animals at the shelter.	12/23/2019 12:06 PM
58	About once or twice a month	12/23/2019 11:36 AM
59	There are two medications that we currently order for office stock. Previously, there were a couple more.	12/23/2019 10:57 AM
60	Usually cisapride and gabapentin — especially for tiny dog and cat patients! I send cisapride home more intermittently, as needed — if I couldn't keep a compounded version in stock in the clinic, this would be really difficult to do.	12/23/2019 10:40 AM
61	I work in more than one state. I am allowed to use some of the compounded medications I have in stock only in the hospital. I would prefer to be able to dispense what is appropriate to treat the current issue. Most of the time the pets/owners do not require the medications for the long term. If they do, I have them order direct from the compounding pharmacies. I often still need to at least give them about a weeks worth of medication so they have something until the compounded medications come in. Also not all clients are capable (especially older) or willing to have medication shipped to their home.	12/23/2019 10:26 AM
62	I order once weekly for the hospital, sometimes twice weekly, and each time the order includes an average of one compounded medication.	12/23/2019 10:17 AM
63	many medication go on back order - have been able to get a supply from compounding pharmacy parasite meds often oti packs often - life changer for owners and pets smaller dosing - often flavored/suspension - occasionally	12/23/2019 10:04 AM
64	Clients are so appreciative of being able to give their pets medications that we would not have if compounded drugs were not available	12/23/2019 9:58 AM
65	Small stock ordered once every 6-8 weeks	12/23/2019 9:44 AM
66	Again, most medications are not available to order for office stock.	12/23/2019 9:40 AM
67	We probably use more compounded medications than non-compounded medications for hospitalized patients.	12/23/2019 9:36 AM
68	I try to keep my in stock medications to a minimum due to cost but the ones I need, I keep. This includes a few compounded medications.	12/23/2019 9:15 AM
69	With limited legislation we keep very few things on hand, which limits our ability to treat some patients in a timely manner.	12/23/2019 8:43 AM
70	Compounding pharmacies are very responsive to critical medications in juxtaposition to the often given reason by the big pharmaceutical companies: "The drug is on back-order and we do not know when it will be available"	12/22/2019 4:53 PM
71	There are several medications where there isn't an appropriate size available from commercial production.	12/22/2019 2:27 PM
72	I have a small, one-doctor practice, and we still order from one of 3 compounding pharmacies at least once each week.	12/22/2019 12:35 PM
73	Many of our patients are very small and it would be impossible to dose them properly without compounded medications.	12/22/2019 9:41 AM
74	We get Cerenia (maripodant), metronidazole and buprenorphine compounded regularly to have an in house supply.	12/21/2019 12:16 PM
75	primarily liquid metronidazole, liquid doxycycline and oral liquid buprenorphine	12/21/2019 10:01 AM

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76	We order several commonly used medications about once a month.	12/21/2019 9:33 AM
77	ONCE A MONTH ON AVERAGE	12/21/2019 8:50 AM
78	I would ask any legislator to first try and give three days of pill form Flagyl to their cat, and then try 3 days of a compounded version in a chicken flavor. Then they would ALL understand the issue, firsthand.	12/21/2019 7:37 AM
79	We keep on hand a supply of our most commonly used medications in strengths to cover what we typically treat. Having to wait on medications would put our patients at risk.	12/21/2019 7:05 AM
80	As stated before, I have got to get pimobendan and meloxicam compounded.	12/21/2019 7:02 AM
81	Every 1 - 2 months	12/21/2019 5:53 AM
82	As long as commercial sources are available I will use that. But I need compounded meds when these are not available.	12/20/2019 9:35 PM
83	There are only 1 or 2 meds I try to keep in stock.	12/20/2019 9:26 PM
84	There are only a few medications that I like to keep in stock. These are for animals that are usually too small to take specific standard sizes that we can buy from normal vendors. The others are often for cases of toxicity. There is no way I can expect a client to wait to get something to induce vomiting for toxicity. It will no longer work and the toxin will be absorbed and the patient have to face the effects of it. Or I will have to turn away patients to send to another facility that may have an actual running pharmacy such as the University, thereby losing income for my business.	12/20/2019 9:00 PM
85	We would rather get these from our regular suppliers but if they are not available we have no other choice in order to provide our patients with the best medicine possible.	12/20/2019 8:52 PM
86	There are some medications that don't come in a form or size that can be given to very small or fractious animal.	12/20/2019 8:26 PM
87	Compounded medications keep pricing down for clients on expensive meds or medications that are frequently on back order.	12/20/2019 8:03 PM
88	We currently stock 50 mg metronidazole, 200 mg doxycycline quad tabs, and a range of sizes for pimobendan. These medications are either not easily found at the price points from a normal pharmacy, not available in the size needed for small patients, and are not readily available from the brand name manufacturers. We commonly prescribe these medications at least weekly.	12/20/2019 7:16 PM
89	We always have some medications that we need on hand. There is just no replacement available commercially.	12/20/2019 7:03 PM
90	The more animals that come through the shelter the higher the likelihood of needing something but judicious use is always a concern.	12/20/2019 1:53 PM
91	We have 3 meds we order this way and it's Per Patient, but we know it's chronic medication so have it available when needed. 3 isn't frequent, maybe 4 times a year - but when ordering it's about the only way I order it - for office stock - not sent directly to the patient. I want to know when the client got it and ensure we can direct on how to use -- things that can be missed when delivered to client directly not to the office.	12/20/2019 12:16 PM
92	Many patients require small doses not found through regular distributors. Also many heart medications are on constant back order and are needed to be compounded to maintain patients on their much needed heart medications	12/20/2019 11:44 AM
93	Compounded medications are ordered for specific dosing on abnormally large or small pets but are also important in medicating companion animals, allowing pet owners to find the most palatable or easily-administered medications in order to comply with veterinarian's treatments.	12/20/2019 10:58 AM
94	There are very few medications for which I recommend compounded office stock, but these medications are extremely important for treating pets and preventing suffering.	12/20/2019 10:05 AM
95	About once a month or so	12/20/2019 9:38 AM
96	We use compounded 50mg metronidazole tablets for small dogs and cats with GI issues. There is no other option in this scenario.	12/20/2019 8:03 AM
97	Some things have to be customized for animal use. We are dealing with numerous species that	12/20/2019 8:02 AM

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cannot convert to human meds.

98	Being a University, we are limited on what we can stock in our pharmacy legally. We only ordered pimobendan when BI could not supply it for our patients. Mostly I send in prescriptions for the medications and do not dispense it from our pharmacy.	12/19/2019 7:08 PM
99	As needed.	12/19/2019 3:40 PM
100	Manager orders based on needs of doctors and patients.	12/19/2019 2:56 PM
101	The delay in treatment cannot be overstated if medication is not readily available. Office stock medication is vital to the health of the equine population.	12/19/2019 12:39 PM
102	Office stock medications allow us to provide medications to our shelter animals - such as buprenorphine to animals that come in hit by a car or with traumatic injuries. It also allows us to provide medication to surgery animals - such as a post operative meloxicam injection.	12/19/2019 12:02 PM
103	There are a few drugs that I do order in bulk because of the high demand for them and it makes my life easier. And there is no waiting in case an owner suddenly realizes that they are out of a particular drug and need it immediately.	12/19/2019 9:55 AM
104	liquid medications commonly used for cats and exotics (baytril, metronidazole, etc.)	12/19/2019 9:19 AM
105	We don't stock in office, but wish we did.	12/19/2019 9:04 AM
106	As mentioned before, we need these medications on our shelves to best serve our patients.	12/19/2019 9:03 AM
107	Our rural community does not have 24 hour access to a pharmacy. Sick animals need treatment immediately.	12/19/2019 8:08 AM
108	In order to serve our patients, we need smaller dosing possibilities than commercially available products provide. Compounded medications are essential to treat our patients.	12/19/2019 8:00 AM
109	We keep stock of a handful of certain medications and have others compounded for customers at least one weekly.	12/19/2019 7:20 AM
110	They are a critical part of my practice. For cats, small dogs or difficult to medicate patients (won't eat tablets or capsules or pet will bite owner if they try to force an oral tablet/capsule). Transdermal meds for cats are essential. And liquid meds for other patients too small to dose correctly (anti seizure meds, cardiac meds, etc)... I have no other option to treat except for compounding!!	12/19/2019 6:39 AM
111	Oral Aluminum hydroxide, oral doxycycline and topical cidofovir are very important to have available in emergency situations	12/18/2019 11:49 PM
112	We dispense very frequently, generally for small pets especially.	12/18/2019 11:46 PM
113	Purchases have dropped tremendously in the past 6 months because of all the new regs	12/18/2019 8:56 PM
114	Pills don't always work, oral liquids Of various flavors and textures are important to give directly in the mouth or added to food. Often animals Detect foreign substances making compounded flavors and textures vital for proper care. A drug can't work unless it gets into the patients body. Try convincing an 800 lb gorilla to eat several bitter tasting pills, vs a banana flavored chewy within his daily ration is vital to good health care. These examples literally exist for every species veterinarians treat, namely all species.	12/18/2019 8:27 PM
115	I think this is a new ability that we will use frequently. We will stock small amounts of several different medications, as we will only be filling a short term supply for our patients until their own prescriptions can be filled.	12/18/2019 8:01 PM
116	Mainly due to corporate policy that compounded substances should be a last resort and ideally compounded for each individual patient.	12/18/2019 6:17 PM
117	We always purchase manufactured medications if they are available, but there are certain medications that are only available to us through a compounding pharmacy such as methylchlorothamine, l-asparaginase, and dexrazoxane to name a few.	12/18/2019 6:12 PM
118	again, this is very important to my practice	12/18/2019 5:50 PM
119	We probably order 2-3 times a month.	12/18/2019 5:20 PM
120	At least monthly due to the limitations.	12/18/2019 5:00 PM

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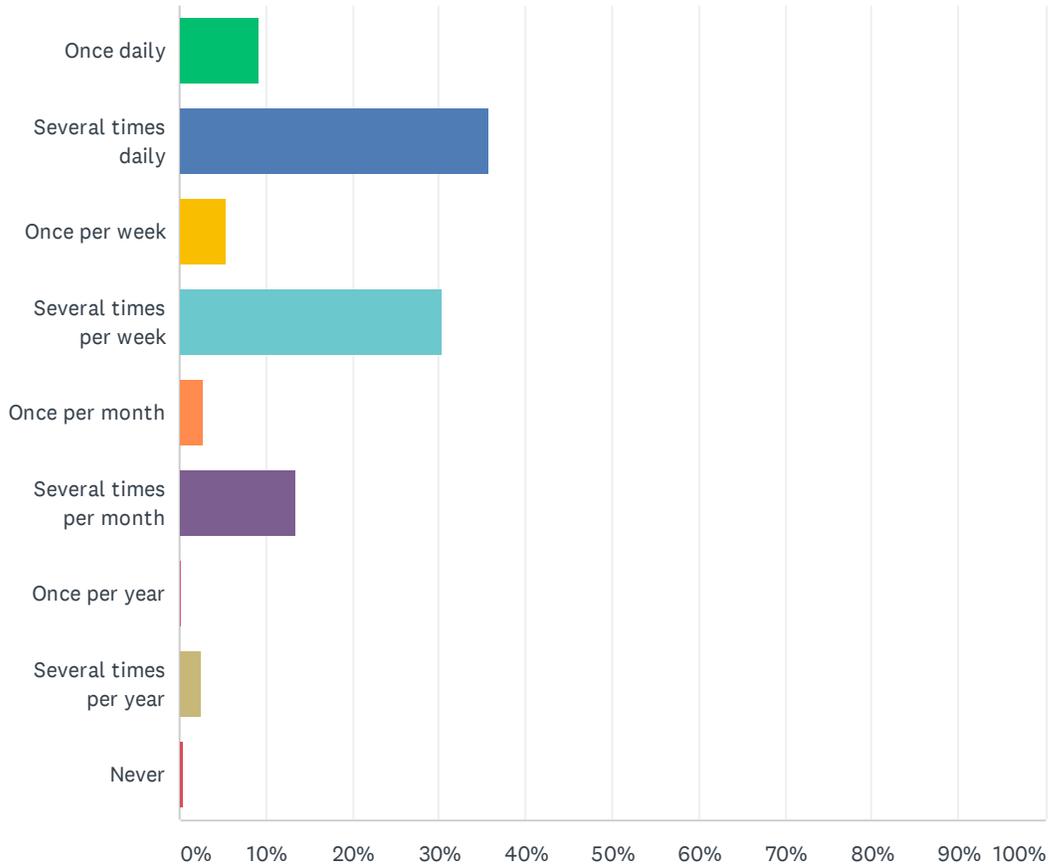
121	We order medications monthly for use in our patients.	12/18/2019 4:51 PM
122	Clients appreciate the convenience.	12/18/2019 4:20 PM
123	Once monthly at least, and I am a small practice in a rural area.	12/18/2019 4:12 PM
124	We order multiple compounded medications for ophthalmic purposes each week.	12/18/2019 4:06 PM
125	Several times monthly.	12/18/2019 3:32 PM
126	Waiting for compounded medicine shipping will delay the disease treatment.	12/18/2019 3:25 PM
127	We only order certain items because of the Arizona regulations limiting our ability to dispense to clients	12/18/2019 2:54 PM
128	We often start medication in hospital and for cats that usually entails a compounded medication due to their small size. Thankfully, we do have a local pharmacy that does supply compounded medications. However, owners are more likely to get and give the medication if we send it home at the time of their appointment.	12/18/2019 2:47 PM
129	We have to keep a consistent stock to make sure we meet the medical demands that our patients have for compounded medications.	12/18/2019 2:02 PM
130	If the drug we have been using for some time from a particular compounding co works and is reliable and a quality product why should the horse, owner and Veterinarian be punished because the Big Drug manufactures won't produce the drug.with the FDA label	12/18/2019 1:53 PM
131	We order when necessary to keep vital medications available.	12/18/2019 1:45 PM
132	I just do a few medicines but it is helpful	12/18/2019 1:39 PM
133	We use compounded medications for in-house use. Used on a daily basis.	12/18/2019 1:27 PM
134	I would say we go through a significant amount of medication.	12/18/2019 1:24 PM
135	Apomorphine only	12/18/2019 1:24 PM
136	We see a lot of puppies that often require treatment for giardia and are in need of small dosages.	12/18/2019 1:21 PM
137	we have a small number of compounded medication that we regularly. we use FDA approved medications when possible and available.	12/18/2019 1:07 PM
138	Done on a weekly basis. Some pets need immediate medication that can not wait for the drug to be compounded. Some of these scenarios are painful for the animal and need immediate attention	12/18/2019 12:55 PM
139	We always keep a supply of certain frequently used compounded medications both for ease of administration to our inpatients as well as to dispense in limited quantities for short-term use.	12/18/2019 12:45 PM
140	We most commonly use compounded metronidazole (flavored tablets, tiny tabs) for feline patients and tacrolimus.	12/18/2019 12:39 PM
141	We keep approximately 10 compounded medications on hand for office use at all times and feel our level of care would be negatively affected if we can't keep those medications in stock.	12/18/2019 12:34 PM
142	A few kept in stock at all times	12/18/2019 12:28 PM
143	I do not personally order this for office stock, but my manager does.	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
144	We utilize special flavored medications for laboratory animal species. Flavors used for dogs and cats are not accepted by rabbits and mice.	12/18/2019 12:21 PM
145	For the already stated reasons. I don't want my patients to wait for care	12/18/2019 12:21 PM
146	I used to use a lot but now I don't because of Ohio Pharmacy laws!!	12/18/2019 12:14 PM
147	Most of the drugs I order don't have to be given in an emergency. The pets can wait a few days to start them. But there are a few drugs that are important to start quickly, and one that MUST be started immediately to save a pet's life.	12/18/2019 12:05 PM
148	we use several different medications on a regular basis	12/18/2019 12:00 PM

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149	We order compounded medications almost daily for in-house use and prescribing for outpatient care.	12/18/2019 11:59 AM
150	Exotic animals hide signs of illness and by the time they are presented to us, they are often VERY sick and cannot wait for compounded medications to be mailed to us.	12/18/2019 11:56 AM
151	Usually we have specific medications ordered for specific patients.	12/18/2019 11:56 AM
152	We used to carry it frequently until the changes in new york state law	12/18/2019 11:49 AM

Q5 How frequently do any veterinarians in your practice prescribe or use compounded medications?

Answered: 1,962 Skipped: 77



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Once daily	9.17%	180
Several times daily	35.78%	702
Once per week	5.45%	107
Several times per week	30.43%	597
Once per month	2.80%	55
Several times per month	13.40%	263
Once per year	0.15%	3
Several times per year	2.45%	48
Never	0.36%	7
TOTAL		1,962

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1	I have a small holistic/integrative mobile practice and am the only veterinarian. So though I don't prescribe a lot of medications, it is essential that safe and effective compounded medications are readily available.	1/13/2020 3:41 PM
2	We use compounded medications when medications available will not help a pet. Compounded medications are a clear alternative to ending the life of a pet due to suffering of a chronic illness.	1/13/2020 9:46 AM
3	It depends, there are eye ophthalmics that you can not get anywhere else but a compound pharmacy.	1/13/2020 9:37 AM
4	There are compliance issues with patients that we frequently encounter which require that we choose a medication route of administration that is not available commercially. We have to be flexible to provide those options to clients.	1/10/2020 12:26 PM
5	it is not something that we would need daily but it is important and necessary to have it available	1/10/2020 12:02 PM
6	Frequently we recommend compounded medications for our clients to order for themselves on line. So we prescribe them often. For in hospital dispensing cases we dispense it a couple times a week	1/10/2020 10:34 AM
7	Large hospital.	1/10/2020 9:51 AM
8	This is so common and so vital to our ability to practice good medicine, I cannot even imagine not being able to do so.	1/9/2020 9:33 AM
9	We Use compounded medication EVERY DAY!!!!	1/8/2020 6:04 PM
10	Commercially available preparations are not "one size fits all". Today I'm seeing a 3# dog and a 185# dog. I need the flexibility of compounded medications.	1/8/2020 10:56 AM
11	Given the small sizes of many/most of our patients, compounded medications are essential to providing effective care. Without this rapid access, we would not be able to provide effective outpatient pain control, antibiotic tx, etc.	1/7/2020 10:33 PM
12	We are Emergency and Specialty clinic with high volume and clients who want to do everything for their pets... not having access to compounded medication would be devastating to our clients and patients	1/7/2020 10:02 AM
13	These medications are otherwise not available to us.	1/6/2020 10:25 AM
14	exotics, very small patients, very large patients, dogs/cats who require liquids instead of pills/capsules. Even where there are available liquid formulations, those that are made for human pharmacies commercially typically contain xylitol or other additives that are toxic to our patients.	1/6/2020 9:14 AM
15	Metronidazole benzoate suspension for kittens,cats and small dogs (diarrhea) Ponazuril for puppies and kittens (coccidia) Small doses of buprenorphine transmucosal for kittens and cats (pain) Ear medications: many, there are very few to no (depending on the organism present) effective products to treat ear infections appropriately in dogs and cats.	1/6/2020 7:37 AM
16	My practice sees a lot of uveitis in horses. If I want to see the horse's eye improve then I need to be able to order medications that do not sting so the horse allows the owner to put the ointment in the eye multiple times a day.	1/5/2020 3:48 PM
17	Several times per week is only an average for my solo practitioner small rural practice. It can easily be several times in the same day.	1/4/2020 3:28 PM
18	For my own pets daily. Prescribed also for other's pets.	1/4/2020 7:22 AM
19	Zoo and exotic animal exclusive practice	1/3/2020 11:27 AM
20	Would love to be able to have certain compounded meds available in house for our patients. Hard to find certain meds in the human pharmacy that fit our small patients needs! Something needs to change!	1/3/2020 10:37 AM
21	Now that meloxicam is not commercially available, we are utilizing that medication multiple times daily. Prior to, we would be using compounded medications 3-4 times weekly.	1/3/2020 6:45 AM

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22	Especially important for any clinics that treat more than only dogs, cats, horses, cows, sheep, goats. Whic in today's veterinary world is virtually every practice. Most practices today treat birds, small mammals, camelids, wildlife, even fish. Exotic specialized practices treat everything above as well as reptiles. Compounded drugs for both the unusual diseases, but also for palatability, concentration, and/or route of administration is essential to treat all the species. Just as it can be to treat pediatric patients.	1/3/2020 1:25 AM
23	I have to prescribe a compounded medication once per week at a minimum. This is most often due to patient size. If I did not we would risk unwanted side-effects due to improper dosing. It can also be extremely stressful for pets and their owners if they have difficulty giving certain oral medications. Compounding this into liquid oral formulations or transdermal medications (cats) literally saves pets from suffering or being euthanized. We also have to take into consideration food allergies and need different formulations for beef or chicken flavored tablets, etc. as that is common in veterinary medications.	1/2/2020 6:06 PM
24	With the wide range of species that we care for, along with the wide range of body types and weights, it is imperative that we have access to compounded medications to ensure that we can accurately dose medications. Furthermore, animals are difficult to administer medications to. Compounded delivery methods make this easier for the animal to receive medications that are needed.	1/2/2020 4:48 PM
25	This number varies greatly depending on how many exotic patients I have in a month, as we tend to see outbreaks of diseases like pneumonia that require multiple pets to receive compounded medication within a short period of time.	1/2/2020 3:01 PM
26	There are some patients that cannot be medicated in the usual way. For them, compounded medications are the only way to treat them.	1/2/2020 2:48 PM
27	Many times daily- we have thoroughly investigated non compounded alternatives and we utilize the bare minimum of compounded meds at this time	1/2/2020 1:32 PM
28	When needed it is REALLY NEEDED	1/2/2020 1:18 PM
29	I have patients at the zoo receiving essential for quality of life compounded medications daily	1/2/2020 1:14 PM
30	Some times its daily sometimes its several times per week.	1/2/2020 12:30 PM
31	NUMEROUS times daily for ophthalmologists! Literally, >25% of my prescribed medications are veterinary compounded items!	1/2/2020 11:30 AM
32	Many of the ophtho medications are only available via compounding	1/2/2020 11:15 AM
33	Depending on the day, it could be once to several prescriptions for short term use and longer term use.	1/2/2020 11:14 AM
34	I do not know how often the other veterinarians here use compounded medication. It may be more frequent than I indicated (several times per month). It is not likely to be less frequent.	1/2/2020 11:14 AM
35	I use a compounded medication for my own dog daily and prescribe it at least once a week for a patient.	1/2/2020 9:31 AM
36	Depending on the day, we may only have one new prescription or multiple new prescriptions. We have patients that get refills fairly often as well through us.	1/2/2020 8:25 AM
37	Die or Put Down With most aggressive/ fractious cats. Smaller heart disease dogs who will die without their compounded medications	12/31/2019 11:01 PM
38	Large open admission shelter	12/31/2019 8:17 AM
39	intermittent use means it would be nice to have what you need on the shelf.	12/30/2019 7:43 AM
40	I try to avoid compounded drugs, but again, when you need access to them, they need to be available.	12/29/2019 8:58 PM
41	I am the only veterinarian in my office	12/28/2019 1:43 PM
42	At last once daily, sometimes more or less. We use compound medication for URI in kittens/cats most frequently.	12/28/2019 12:03 PM
43	Essentially 99+% of our medicated patients have one, or more, compounded medications as	12/28/2019 11:15 AM

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part of their therapeutic repertoire as we practice cutting edge AAFP Gold standard medicine, as is expected for our area of practice and clientele. Forcing us to do less is a massive disservice to our patients and our clients and an insult to our veterinary medical degree. If we don't maintain access to a full host of medication choices and have continued regulations, it will adversely impact our decision to remain in practice. I would have zero problem reducing our business as a tax revenue stream as a form of protest for the current and proposed over burdensome regulations. If enough practices close, the government may take the message we are conveying seriously.

44	If we could treat patients from bulk stock, we could prescribe compounded medications more frequently.	12/27/2019 3:53 PM
45	It just depends on the situation. We are a small practice compared to most clinics.	12/27/2019 10:27 AM
46	We use the compounded medication in clinic several times per week. We prescribe from our stock much less frequently.	12/27/2019 9:02 AM
47	Some of the compounded medications we use are no longer commercially available and are used to treat emergent illnesses	12/27/2019 6:15 AM
48	Cats - anxiety medication, hyperthyroid, pain meds, chemo drugs Dogs - most medications that need to be in liquid formulation vs pills or maybe a flavored chew for a dog that is impossible to pill. Also small dogs under 10# it is hard to dose down medications (similar to cats) Birds, pocket pets, reptiles - almost any medication given to them needs to be compounded.	12/26/2019 5:03 PM
49	Again, veterinarians treat 2 lb kittens or even smaller animals. The drugs available are not suitable for animals which are all sizes	12/26/2019 1:08 PM
50	We prescribe compounded medications ALL DAY LONG	12/26/2019 1:00 PM
51	On average, once daily. But often may be days with up to 3 patients	12/26/2019 12:21 PM
52	For cats the transdermal medications like methimazole and prednisolone are very common. Tacrolimus ophthalmic is not available commercially only as a compound. My personal pet required daily cisapride and another requires ranitidine. Ranitidine came off the market commercially and the horse requires it to manage gastric ulcers. Compounded medication not only makes it easier to give small doses but high doses as well like hydroxyzine for horses and allow for flavorings to make them much easier to administer which always inc compliance	12/26/2019 11:07 AM
53	5-10 times a day	12/26/2019 6:32 AM
54	We actually prescribe compounded medication 5-10 times a day.	12/26/2019 6:27 AM
55	We have a lot of wildlife here and that means a lot of ticks. Ketoconazole is huge. Plus we are also one of the most obese states, unfortunately... this means we have obese pets, leading to heart failure. No matter how much you tell a client over feeding isn't love, we still end up scripting pimeobendan for that unavoidable heart failure patient	12/24/2019 7:20 PM
56	Speaking only for one part-time doctor	12/24/2019 6:15 PM
57	Many of our patients need compounded medications right away to start treating for severe dry eye or inflammation. It already takes about 1 week for compounded medications to reach the patients. So having them on hand at the hospital helps our patients start now while they wait for their first shipment.	12/24/2019 10:53 AM
58	We used compounded doxycycline for multiple cats and dog with URI in the shelter daily.	12/24/2019 7:20 AM
59	These medications are needed!	12/24/2019 7:08 AM
60	Compounded medications are a necessity, especially in hard to medicate patients that require something other than a tablet or capsule. If many of our patients did not have access to oral liquid or trans-dermal compounded medications I feel as though they would not be properly medicated.	12/24/2019 6:14 AM
61	In order to save pets, it is critical to have access to compounded medications so that I can perform my job and save lives.	12/23/2019 11:34 PM
62	Especially transdermal medications like methimazole.	12/23/2019 10:20 PM
63	This the long term backorder of injectable NSAIDs, we use compounded meds several times a day for our surgery patients. Aside from that, we are prescribing or using compounded meds	12/23/2019 7:30 PM

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several times a week on average.

64	It is very very fortunate for us and our patients that we have a compounding pharmacy two blocks away, otherwise I don't know how we would manage our non-standard sized patients!	12/23/2019 6:55 PM
65	I use them every single day, sometimes multiple times a day out of necessity.	12/23/2019 6:53 PM
66	And they are a necessity when we do.	12/23/2019 6:38 PM
67	Some patients will not take pills so a liquid has to be compounded, or a transdermal, or even a chewable treat. Some types of ear issues require a combination of antibiotics to successfully treat the infection.	12/23/2019 6:10 PM
68	I have a rural practice where cost of care is the priority. Only select owners opt to pay extra for good care. The more compounded drugs cost, the less I will be able to prescribe them.	12/23/2019 3:49 PM
69	Only when needed.	12/23/2019 12:37 PM
70	We usually have animals on various forms of compounded medications, from meds for hyperthyroid to upper respiratory and skin infections, parasites, eye medications, and pain meds.	12/23/2019 12:09 PM
71	Several times an hour.	12/23/2019 11:41 AM
72	And many referring veterinarians ask me for my recipes for compounded meds since they know I'm a pharmacist as well as a veterinary dermatologist.	12/23/2019 11:16 AM
73	I especially use compounded gabapentin and buprenorphine daily, for very small patients. Also cisapride quite regularly in hospital or dispensed directly from the hospital — sometimes urgently and in a way that would not be able to be anticipated in advance!	12/23/2019 10:43 AM
74	I see a lot of very small dogs, puppies and pet rabbits that need smaller concentrated drugs and depend on the compounding pharmacy.	12/23/2019 10:19 AM
75	Without compounded medications, millions of dogs would suffer greatly with uncontrolled dry eye (corneal ulcerations/ruptures), cats would suffer greatly from uncontrolled herpesvirus (corneal ulcers, ruptures), very small pets would be subject to drug overdoses if their oral dose could not be compounded.	12/23/2019 9:48 AM
76	We have many patients that are on compounded medications, the transdermal gels are especially great for cats.	12/23/2019 9:40 AM
77	Nearly every appointment is going home on a compounded medication due to being in liquid form and dosing size.	12/23/2019 9:37 AM
78	We call in prescriptions for compounded feline medications a lot. My small breed dog patients who don't take pills well are also great candidates. Compounded medications are critical to our practice and ensuring owner compliance along with favorable patient outcomes.	12/23/2019 9:21 AM
79	I am using compounded meds every day in the shelter.	12/23/2019 9:17 AM
80	I depend on the compounded medications on a daily basis. Especially when the commercial medication is on backlog.	12/22/2019 11:34 PM
81	We are a 4 doctor practice so if each doctor calls in 1 rx/day then it is going to be "several times daily."	12/22/2019 8:40 PM
82	I frequently see small puppies and kittens that can only be dosed with compounded medication due to their low body weight.	12/22/2019 7:20 PM
83	We deal with a cat rescue and there are forms of ophthalmics needed for ocular herpes only available by compound as well as a palatable form of metronidazole in the appropriate size.	12/22/2019 2:29 PM
84	We do not use a lot of drugs since we are a small holistic out patient practice.	12/21/2019 4:14 PM
85	We try to minimize use of compounded medication, but when needed we find this option essential.	12/21/2019 2:11 PM
86	CATs especially because so small Pain meds, heart meds, flavored compounds to make it more palatable, different delivery methods (transdermal) - can make a difference in being able to administer or not and hugely affect outcome.	12/21/2019 12:35 PM

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87	over the years many drugs are not available so compounded drugs are a life saver to use.	12/21/2019 11:35 AM
88	We have 6 doctors that used theses medications many times a day.	12/21/2019 10:46 AM
89	Cats are not always easy to pill, so having compounded liquid medication is essential to our practice.	12/21/2019 9:52 AM
90	Compounded meds are used frequently in our practice to accommodate patient needs.	12/21/2019 9:35 AM
91	At least...	12/21/2019 8:50 AM
92	Ophthalmic preparations, thyroid medications, suspensions, transdermal preparations, etc	12/21/2019 8:39 AM
93	New prescriptions and refills	12/21/2019 7:40 AM
94	Ophthalmics such as tacrolimus and Prednisolone acetate are much less expensive compounded. This makes quite a big difference in owners ability to use long term medications.	12/21/2019 7:11 AM
95	The ability to tailor medications to our patients and monitor responses is essential	12/21/2019 5:54 AM
96	The frequency varies but on average it is probably at least once daily.	12/21/2019 5:33 AM
97	Let them try pilling a spoiled cat or cutting a pill in 1/8ths.	12/20/2019 11:53 PM
98	I work with many tiny creatures, including hamsters, guinea pigs and birds. I treat them every day and therefore it is imperative that I am able to compound meds to reduce the concentration enough to treat our patients.	12/20/2019 10:44 PM
99	Compounded meds are essential to my practice.	12/20/2019 10:10 PM
100	I have a handful of patients on long term compounded medications, including one on my own.	12/20/2019 9:01 PM
101	We see a large amount of small dogs, cats and exotics. Usually a medications is given daily.	12/20/2019 7:04 PM
102	Many medications also go in backorder and the only way for us to get them is by compounding. Without the options to compound drugs there will be pets lives and deaths on your hands.	12/20/2019 6:57 PM
103	We aim to use FDA labeled medications but resort to compounded drugs when those medications or strengths are not available.	12/20/2019 6:10 PM
104	The more animals that come through the shelter the higher the likelihood of needing something but judical use is always a concern.	12/20/2019 1:53 PM
105	More than several times of day really - we currently have at least 20-30 cats/kittens on compounded medications that do not exist in a form that would be easy or feasible to administer otherwise.	12/20/2019 1:31 PM
106	Many of our medications are on indefinite backorder....compounded drug options are our only choices to provide patient care.	12/20/2019 11:21 AM
107	With the frequent back orders we experience, compounded medications help us be able to provide continued care for chronic diseases.	12/20/2019 9:34 AM
108	We use and prescribe more and more compounded medications as backorders of industry available products occur and also for increasing needs	12/20/2019 8:37 AM
109	Exotic patients often need compounded medications. Ophthalmology compounds medications for the patients eye medications that wouldn't be affordable or available for the clients pets.	12/20/2019 12:29 AM
110	Many of our chemotherapy medications are either not available at all commercially or are in final dosage forms that cannot be given to small animals. We also have many injectable chemotherapy agents that are not available in any other form.	12/19/2019 6:43 PM
111	We use a lot of stock pain medication and prescribe as needed when it is not crucial to survival.	12/19/2019 5:41 PM
112	Many cats will not take pills and/or owners are afraid to administer them. If I cannot prescribe compounded medication, my patients will be left untreated. Many of our patients are also very small and having access to compounded medication allows me to treat them effectively.	12/19/2019 4:13 PM
113	We send in at least 3-5 new prescriptions PER DAY for compounded medications for our patients	12/19/2019 3:51 PM
114	All day every day. Thousands of animals would be affected if our access to compounded	12/19/2019 3:03 PM

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	medications diminished.	
115	The loss of all availability of ophthalmic preparations this fall was devastating. Optic preparations have been quite helpful in severely affected chronic multi-bacterial otic infections in dogs.	12/19/2019 10:34 AM
116	On average, we probably compound medications on a weekly basis. This could be for exotic animals for which no appropriate formulation exists or it could be for a dog / cat that does not tolerate existing formulas.	12/19/2019 9:46 AM
117	Compounded meds are necessary for appropriate dosing and administration	12/19/2019 9:22 AM
118	It is important to have these medications available in a format that the patient and owner will comply with (powders. pastes etc).	12/19/2019 9:07 AM
119	We utilize compounded meds for options for administration challenges regularly	12/19/2019 8:57 AM
120	We try to keep compounded medication use to a minimum, only using the compounding pharmacies to meet a need for our animal wards who would not get treatment or proper care without their availability.	12/19/2019 8:40 AM
121	This is variable sometimes more often than monthly.	12/19/2019 8:36 AM
122	Compounded eye medications are particularly important to my practice.	12/19/2019 8:27 AM
123	we are a very small mobile vet practice so the total number of patients that we see in a week is very different from that of a brick and mortar facility.	12/19/2019 8:08 AM
124	At times almost daily, and at times a few times a month. But always necessary	12/18/2019 10:58 PM
125	Simply logical to prescribe meds that fit a particular patients needs! Tiny kittens to Elephants and everything in between require modifications and compounding to serve that patient and it's owner.	12/18/2019 8:29 PM
126	We have several patients that rely on compounded medications to treat chronic disease, so we order some form of a compounded medications several times a week.	12/18/2019 8:02 PM
127	Chemotherapy and targeted therapy drugs need to be dosed accurately to avoid serious adverse effects.	12/18/2019 7:46 PM
128	we are a small practice	12/18/2019 7:05 PM
129	But, often compound medications are called into a compounding pharmacy, not just obtained from hospital stock.	12/18/2019 5:57 PM
130	If using an average, it would likely even out to at minimum once a day. Often it can be several times one day and none the next.	12/18/2019 5:56 PM
131	This can vary week to week with an all walk in clinic but we see a lot of patients & I'd imagine it would be a minimum of 1x/week that compounded medications are prescribed.	12/18/2019 5:52 PM
132	many drugs are only available by compounding. many drugs are off the market or the new generation of brand drugs is beyond my patients budget.	12/18/2019 5:51 PM
133	The frequency varies, but is not daily, or even weekly, but it is essential when there is an urgent health issue that cannot be dealt with by available commercial compounds, usually, formulated for people or for other species.	12/18/2019 5:42 PM
134	Large group practice so we hit the several times a week between all of us total	12/18/2019 5:21 PM
135	Single doctor rural practice. Frequency would be greater with increased clientele.	12/18/2019 5:02 PM
136	Many of our patients rely on compounded medications for comfort and treatment of their ocular conditions.	12/18/2019 4:07 PM
137	critical for our daily management of feline patients	12/18/2019 3:35 PM
138	Aside from dispensing buprenorphine in individual syringes, we do very little prescribing of compounded medications here.	12/18/2019 3:26 PM
139	My own dog is on compounded Potassium Bromide. We have many patients on compounded DES. Several of our equine patients won't take the commercial bute paste but like the	12/18/2019 3:11 PM

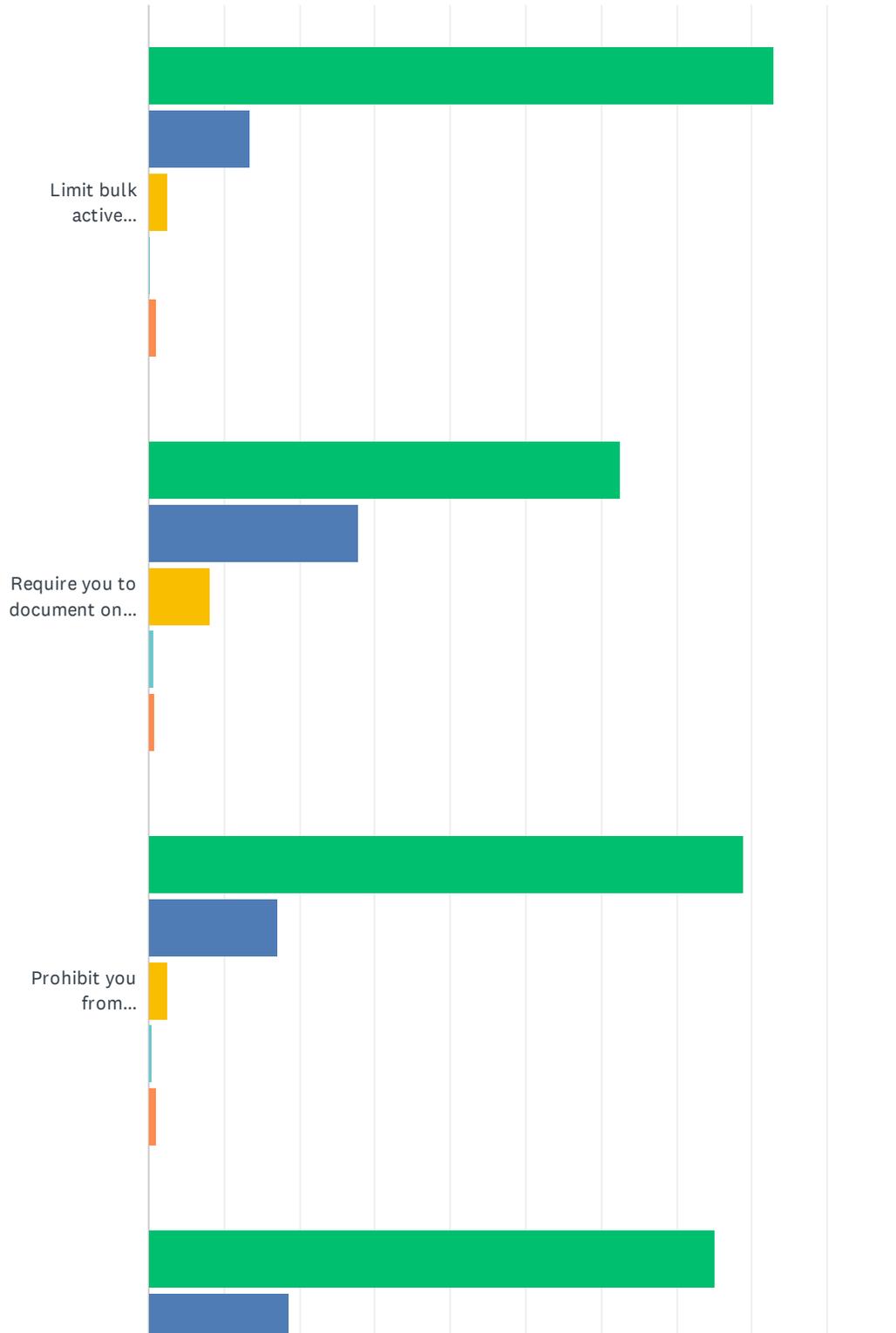
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compounded bute paste. We have many feline patients on transdermal methimazole as they are too hard to pill. We have better compliance with transdermal ketoprofen than with oral medications like meloxicam or onsiar. Tiny tabs help medicate our feline patients.

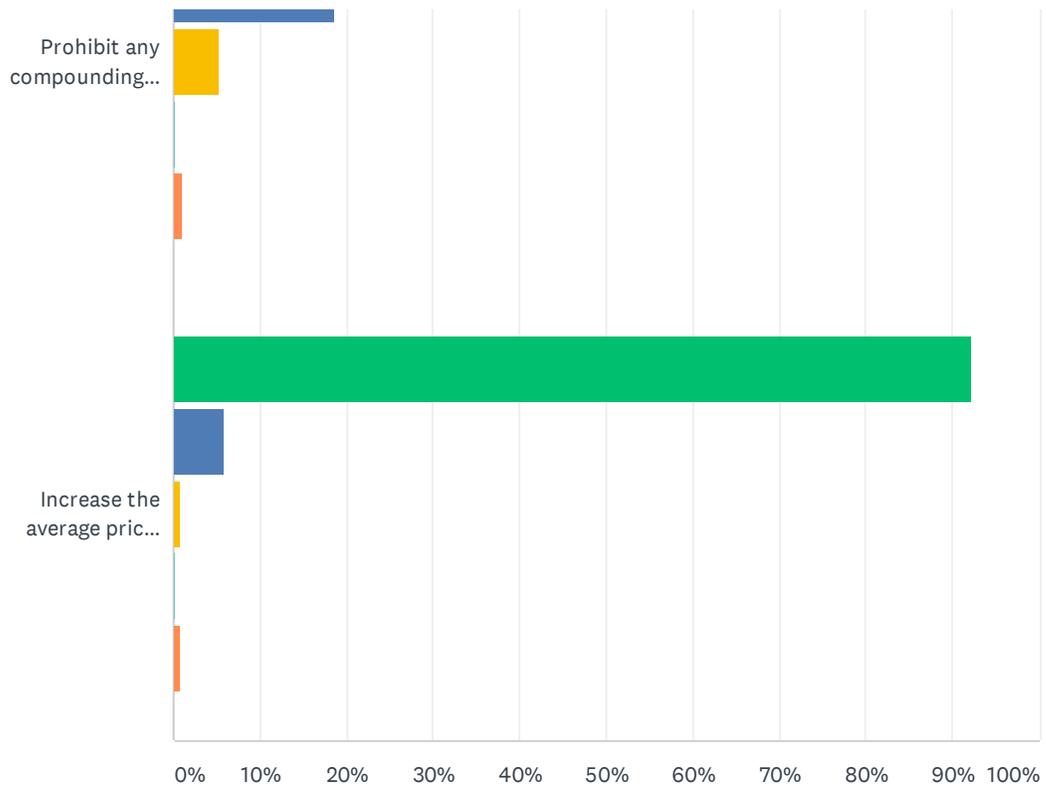
140	While it comes in waves, we use compounded medication on a very regular basis	12/18/2019 2:58 PM
141	My practice is a very small, one-doctor practice in rural Montana, or this frequency would likely be much higher!	12/18/2019 2:56 PM
142	We are a moderate-sized wildlife clinic with about 250 cases per year. Others in our state handle 3000-5000 cases per year.	12/18/2019 2:56 PM
143	Animals come in such a wide range of sizes that we must be able to compound	12/18/2019 2:33 PM
144	Again, being a Specialty and Emergency practice, we NEED to have compounded medications since we do not know what patients will be coming into our practice and NEED to be prepared to meet their medical needs.	12/18/2019 2:03 PM
145	Compounded medications are important for me to be able to do my job!	12/18/2019 1:56 PM
146	Compounded medications are not only prescribed for patients on a daily basis but we also use some compounded forms of pain medications for our patients daily.	12/18/2019 1:53 PM
147	these meds are completely vital to our practice	12/18/2019 1:48 PM
148	Currently I only do metronidazole 50 mg and cyclosporine ophthalmic but it is nice to have it readily available for my clients	12/18/2019 1:40 PM
149	Especially needed in exotics when for their small size , other options just do not exist.	12/18/2019 12:53 PM
150	Only on drugs which are in back order or allocated because of low volume available in commercial marketplace	12/18/2019 12:39 PM
151	Again, compounding is essential to veterinary medicine. I'm not sure this can be overemphasized.	12/18/2019 12:37 PM
152	Transdermal methimazole, oral liquid gabapentin, oral liquid prednisolone are some of the most common and important medications I use that are compounded. PREDNISOLONE is a critical compounded drug to have on hand to help cats with life-threatening illnesses such as IMTP and neoplasia. Let us not forget that it isn't always the animal that is "difficult" to pill - sometimes owners are elderly, live alone, and don't have the hand dexterity to pill a cat. These owners rely on compounded medications!	12/18/2019 12:27 PM
153	typically prescribe	12/18/2019 12:24 PM
154	There is usually a prescription that is compounded going out daily!	12/18/2019 12:14 PM
155	Usually at least once daily, would vary for me based on time of year, seasonality and how many patients I'm seeing in a day.	12/18/2019 12:10 PM
156	Transdermal preparations and flavored oral preparations in nonstandard MG strengths are necessary for my exotic patients.	12/18/2019 12:08 PM
157	I am currently in complementary medicine, so I don't use a lot of drugs, but when I was in general practice the frequency was much higher.	12/18/2019 12:07 PM
158	I'm a solo mobile practitioner and so my numbers are lower than when I worked in a higher volume brick and mortar practice. Back then I would probably say I would have need for a compounded medication once every 1-2 days.	12/18/2019 12:07 PM
159	Transdermal compounds and other formulations of medications reduce the risk of injury to staff. This is vitally important!	12/18/2019 11:50 AM

Q6 The proposed FDA guidance contains elements that may or may not affect how you practice medicine and the availability of compounded preparations. For each of these proposals, please indicate the impact it would have on your practice and patients if it were the law.

Answered: 1,869 Skipped: 170



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- A Large Negative Impact
- Some Negative Impact
- Neither Positive Nor Negative Impact
- Some Positive Impact
- A Large Positive Impact

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	A LARGE NEGATIVE IMPACT	SOME NEGATIVE IMPACT	NEITHER POSITIVE NOR NEGATIVE IMPACT	SOME POSITIVE IMPACT	A LARGE POSITIVE IMPACT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Limit bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients that can be used for compounding to a number (currently seven are proposed) that could be much lower than the 450 that is the current standard of care.	82.83% 1,548	13.38% 250	2.57% 48	0.21% 4	1.02% 19	1,869	4.77
Require you to document on every prescription and in every medical record why there is a clinical need for a compounded medication that is made from a bulk active pharmaceutical ingredient as opposed to a manufactured drug.	62.49% 1,168	27.77% 519	8.19% 153	0.70% 13	0.86% 16	1,869	4.50
Prohibit you from prescribing a compounded medication from bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients if there is a manufactured drug that contains the same active ingredient. For example: needing to prescribe an FDA-approved unflavored human tablet vs. having the option to prescribe a flavored chewable tablet or oral suspension prepared from bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients.	78.97% 1,476	17.12% 320	2.57% 48	0.37% 7	0.96% 18	1,869	4.73
Prohibit any compounding from bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients using the 11 active pharmaceutical ingredients currently listed on the FDA's proposed "negative list."	75.12% 1,404	18.62% 348	5.14% 96	0.11% 2	1.02% 19	1,869	4.67
Increase the average price of compounded medications by 300% if you or compounding pharmacies are required to compound from finished pharmaceutical goods instead of bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients.	92.19% 1,723	5.94% 111	0.80% 15	0.16% 3	0.91% 17	1,869	4.88

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#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SAY MORE ABOUT YOUR RESPONSES.	DATE
1	Again, I say some negative impact because I don't prescribe a lot of medications. BUT I can speak for all of us in veterinary practice that in general the proposed legislation would severely impact us in a negative way.	1/13/2020 3:44 PM
2	being able to compound the dosages and kinds we need make a big difference in how we can help our patients, and practice the best medicine.	1/13/2020 2:28 PM
3	Most vets are still small businesses. This would have a negative effect on our bottom line and the type of care we provide.	1/13/2020 11:00 AM
4	Animals are different from humans and any legislation involving veterinary medicine or production of medications, specifically for use in animals, must be reviewed with the human perspective removed. While the verbiage and legislation is specific to humans, it is being applied to veterinary and animal industry for which significant negative impacts will arise. Sweeping statements indicating use or non-use of a specific drug cannot be determined FOR the veterinary industry when there is a whole section of the industry related to production and sales of these compounds. The very existence of this part of the industry, indicates there is a very real need for these medications and the ability to procure them for our patients safely.	1/13/2020 9:53 AM
5	All the medications that we currently order are NOT listed in the approved 7. Not only will this hurt our patients, but it will hurt the compounding industry as whole.	1/12/2020 1:06 PM
6	The sales of prepared compounded under the veterinarian's direction gives an alternative to a higher price from pharmaceutical companies that allows effective treatment in an economical way	1/11/2020 5:47 AM
7	This is an unnecessary requirement as it is our industry standard that many patients are difficult to medicate due to behavior, and small dosing requirements. It's obvious why aggressive patients need special medication options.	1/10/2020 11:19 AM
8	Die or put down Clients can barely afford compounded medications as it is. ANY compounded drug generally costs at least \$48, PLUS the cost of the medication to cover the cost of the labor to create it. Sometimes I only want to start with a 2-4 week supply, then a monthly supply until I know it will be the best solution, 300 percent increase will make these medications IMPOSSIBLE for clients to afford. 87% of the country is a \$500 purchase destroying their monthly budget. Imagine creating a monthly medication cost to keep their pet healthy at \$150 a month instead of \$50 a month. They cannot afford it, so their pets will suffer or die younger than necessary. This is inhumane on so many levels. Pets keep people happier and healthier, we know this. They are already a luxury in this country now because inflation is making us all poorer. Doing this will make destroy compounding businesses across the country, they will not be able to continue to do what they do, because sales will plummet. NO ONE buys compounded drugs because it is cheaper. NO ONE wants to buy them. They do it as a financial sacrifice to help their beloved pet.	1/10/2020 10:42 AM
9	I will never understand the constant battle with being able to have compounded medications in stock for clinic use. As humans if we were in the hospital for a heart condition and the only drug that would help was a compounded medication that we had to wait days for we would never allow that. The bottom line is very simple, pets need medications and we need to have them available.	1/10/2020 10:19 AM
10	When items go on back order we rely on compounds. How are we supposed to justify to the customer the large price? What are we supposed to do when a compound medication for a 5 pound canine isn't commercially available and we have to charge an arm and a leg for Fifi's gabapentin for her storm anxiety? Do the people proposing this understand that flavored options are sometimes THE ONLY way for particular animals? We have enough things to attend to as it is but if this passes we have to justify why a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine is prescribing a certain medication, which is well within their realm? "We are compounding this because Fifi is too small, Fifi likes the chicken flavor, etc."	1/10/2020 7:44 AM
11	Just going by Doxycycline, the dose we have to give them is so high it makes it outrageously expensive for our heartworm pre-treatment patients if they have to get the human preparation. Some dogs have to have 400 mg or more, it is completely unreasonable to ask these clients to give 4 or more human tablets when they can give a single compounded 400mg tablet.	1/9/2020 3:26 PM
12	I feel these changes could in some cases limit our ability to help/treat our patient and drown up in red tape.	1/9/2020 3:15 PM

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13	Why would the FDA make taking care of animals so much more difficult that it already is??	1/9/2020 2:55 PM
14	Formulated human meds sometimes contain ingredients that are toxic to pets. Ex: Neurontin suspension contains xylitol	1/9/2020 2:53 PM
15	If we are unable to prescribe compounded medications to our patients will have a direct result in shortening the life of some patients whom the owners are unable to medicate without flavored liquid, tablets, chews, etc. Furthermore, if something is done to increase the cost of compounded medications astronomically that will also shorten the lives of our patients because pet owners will not be able to afford the medication. Majority of pet owners do not have pet insurance and pay out of pocket for all care. The cost of required diagnostics can sometimes be prohibiting already but if the medication is also too costly for owners that can result in economic euthanasia.	1/9/2020 11:50 AM
16	Non compounded medications for horses are very difficult. It gets costly when you have to prescribe a small animal or human drug to 1000# horse.	1/9/2020 11:46 AM
17	Again, we treat exotics here so we rely on being able to compound necessary medications. Not being able to do this would very negatively impact our exotic pet patients and their owners!	1/9/2020 10:25 AM
18	As stated earlier, the ability to use, prescribe, create compounded medicines from bulk active ingredients is absolutely integral to what we do.	1/9/2020 9:39 AM
19	These rules will severely negatively affect the ability to treat patients, including flavor, formulation, strength of product form, and cost to the client.	1/9/2020 7:50 AM
20	Yes there are always bad apples in the bunch to ruin it for everyone else, so appropriate legislation is necessary, but going above and beyond is what the FDA has done recently and this is affecting everyone, especially veterinary clients and patients. Crushing a tablet and then making a suspension out of this is not viable in most circumstances. It's doable, but not sustainable in both cost and palatability. Expecting animal owners to be able to medicate their animals well is only doable long-term with compounded medications from APIs.	1/9/2020 7:23 AM
21	These compounded products are a mainstay of everyday treatment of animals in our practice. It would be an undue hardship and a horribly expensive alternative if they were not available. Many animals would not get the medications they need. It is ridiculous to have to justify every case the reasons why.	1/8/2020 6:09 PM
22	liquid dosage forms are very important in our practice esp with exotics and for older owners or people with difficult cats trans dermal products are also very important	1/8/2020 5:48 PM
23	The FDA proposals will endanger the lives of my patients, make it harder for owners to afford medications for their patients which might result in euthanasia when an animal could be successfully treated, and just lengthen our already cumbersome medical records for no important reason.	1/8/2020 4:02 PM
24	If prices are too high, owners will not be able to afford to keep pets.	1/8/2020 1:04 PM
25	Not sure what your goal is or why you're proposing these steps.	1/8/2020 11:00 AM
26	Die or put down Many animals that require medication will not accept tablets or commercially available products. We need compounded products to get around palatability issues. The huge majority of veterinary prescriptions are paid for with disposable income. Often the availability of compounded medications makes the difference as to whether an animal patient lives or dies.	1/8/2020 10:24 AM
27	We serve lower income and rescue/shelters, and need to maintain our ability to provide as low a price as possible.	1/7/2020 6:54 PM
28	We should be able to rely on the expertise of the pharmacists responsible for providing compounded medications. Using bulk drug compounding of itraconazole products - why would a pharmacy compound this medication knowing it is not effective in this form because it is not absorbed? While veterinarians are responsible for knowing the compounding laws, pharmacists have the expertise as it relates to actually formulating a medication and whether or not the desired compounded product is at all likely to be effective. There must be some oversight of compounding medications in veterinary medicine and it should involve not only veterinarians but also compounding pharmacies. All involved must take responsibility for improving/standardizing quality assurance of those compounded therapeutics prescribed by us, for our patients.	1/7/2020 2:07 PM

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29	<p>The practice of veterinary medicine is different from the practice of human medicine in many ways and to this end, the laws surrounding the practices should be different as well. 1) Human medicine: much higher costs all around. It is currently very difficult for many clients to pay for the current cost of their pet's medication(s). If we pass the cost of increased medications to our clients, there is a real concern for pets not being treated. 2) Climate of veterinary medicine. I have been practicing for ~20years and I have seen our profession go from being revered to being viewed as "only in it for the money". As our costs rise, cost to clients rise and the perception that our caring profession is all about \$ continues. Instead, if we don't raise our prices, we can't give raises, hire new employees or purchase new equipment etc. 3) Our patients aren't humans. The size and formulation of current human and even veterinary medications aren't suitable. Some pets are too small or won't take the current formulation. 4) Apomorphine, although I don't use it even weekly in general practice, it is invaluable to induce vomiting in dogs as other options aren't very predictable in inducing vomiting. 5) Veterinarians and veterinary teams do not need to spend more time in record keeping or going over every single option to each of our clients/pets. The veterinarians job is to make the best recommendations for our pets based on our education and years of experience. In most cases, clients are not the experts on medications and therefore, although informative consent is needed, they should not be the authority. EX: So many clients have been tricked by food companies into selecting grain-free or pea/lentil diets. I do not know of any veterinarians who recommend these diets to clients or feed these diets to their own pets. So by adding more "options" for clients to choose from, I think we would be doing a disservice to our clients and ultimately patients as well.</p>	1/7/2020 12:00 PM
30	<p>There is already too much paperwork for us to complete, leaving less time to actually take care of the patient</p>	1/7/2020 11:16 AM
31	<p>This would devastate the ability of veterinarians to effectively and safely treat our patients. This the big pharmacy trying to hurt veterinary medicine and more importantly pets!</p>	1/7/2020 10:06 AM
32	<p>Many pet owners, especially elder owners, have difficulties administering medications orally by themselves. Having options to give a chewable flavored tablet that is cost effective for a pet owner on a budget is a necessity. Some patients would have to be euthanized due to their condition if the owner is unable to administer medications for certain medical conditions. In many of these cases, their pets are their only companions and company the majority of the time. Taking this option away from clients would be detrimental to their health and their well being (pets and owners).</p>	1/7/2020 7:54 AM
33	<p>Exotic pets can only get medicine that is compounded and the cost increase is a big concern for caring for them.</p>	1/6/2020 2:55 PM
34	<p>Many of my clients would not be able to afford or administer the medications their pet needs if they were to either increase substantially in price, or become unavailable in compounded/flavored options.</p>	1/6/2020 10:45 AM
35	<p>Gabapentin is listed on the "negative list" but is a perfect example of a medication that is not readily available for our small patients or cats. The commercial liquid formulation which would be needed for cats and small dogs is all formulated with xylitol which is toxic to dogs/cats.</p>	1/6/2020 9:17 AM
36	<p>This will add pain and suffering to my patients and tremendous frustration towards the FDA. The FDA serves and excellent purpose, these guidelines appear to have been constructed without any knowledge of veterinary medical practice.</p>	1/6/2020 7:41 AM
37	<p>This is also about the impact to animals used in research and that are funded federally. Many compounded drugs are for research use and not just veterinary use. An increase in the use of federal funds to pay for these compounded drugs will impact the value of those funds.</p>	1/5/2020 8:05 PM
38	<p>Medications for humans sometimes have ingredients that are toxic to pets. Pets are not not small humans.</p>	1/5/2020 4:54 PM
39	<p>Please keep in mind you can't talk to an animal about why it's getting a certain medication. If it tastes horrible and they spit it out every time then this animal is going to suffer. Being able to flavor a medication can make a world of difference in whether or not an animal is treated. Medications are typically designed for people.</p>	1/5/2020 3:51 PM
40	<p>I do not know the 11 active pharmaceutical ingredients currently listed on FDAs proposed "negative list" so could not comment on that one - forced to answer strongly since any interference of medications my education and observations have taught me to use in clinical cases. Veterinary patients do not typically have medical insurance to cover pharmaceutical</p>	1/5/2020 11:05 AM

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drugs needed for their pet. So finances area a big factor to properly care for the recognized disease My records show exam findings and medications prescribed or dispensed.

41	These regulations will make it difficult, if not impossible to treat many small dogs and all cats. My personal experience is that compounded medications have saved many lives and increased client compliance throughout my years of veterinary practice. - Dr. Wolf	1/5/2020 7:10 AM
42	Having to use human manufactured medications for compounding rather than bulk substances will make some compounded medications cost prohibitive. Compounding needs to be regulated not priced out of existence.	1/4/2020 4:48 PM
43	I am 61. I am not computerized and have no regular staff. My rural clients can't afford price increases and I have no time to be adding long explanations every time I dispensed medication. The latter would probably push me to retire much earlier than I can afford. Finally, half the drugs on the "negative list" are essential even in small animal practice and compounding is the only way to still obtain them and have them on hand for urgent situations. Trust those of us with experience to use them only when medically necessary!	1/4/2020 3:37 PM
44	Wow! I didn't realize. Prohibiting forms of doxycycline and gabapentin from being made into lower doses will make it very hard to safely dose my small patients ("Oh Ma'am, simply give Fluffy 1/6 of a tablet twice a day." Are you kidding me?) As a small mobile practice of just two people... I am the veterinarian AND inventory person AND bookkeeper AND scheduler AND medical transcriptionist. I already work a 60 hour week just to almost make 40K/yr. I don't have time to write justification for every decision I make. And for who?	1/4/2020 12:33 PM
45	the drug list on the negative list is horrendous....How can they prevent these meds being used and allow animals to suffer so...I was horrified.	1/4/2020 7:25 AM
46	Animals need to have affordable quality medications	1/3/2020 10:58 PM
47	I would be willing to take the time to do this if absolutely necessary to keep our ability to compound as we are	1/3/2020 9:47 PM
48	These changes will cause medical and financial burdens on veterinarian that will have to be passed onto animal owners. This rise in veterinary cost will be cruel and unusual for so many pet owners. As always, it will be the poorest of pet owners who will be the hurt the most, as they cannot afford the cost of life saving medications or procedures.	1/3/2020 1:42 PM
49	It is important for veterinarians to have the ability to get medication flavored especially for cats as they are very difficult to administer medication and most clients can not give their cats pills; which makes it necessary to have access to medications that can be compounded into a liquid form which helps our patients compliance	1/3/2020 1:26 PM
50	These changes will greatly impact my ability to treat my patients.	1/3/2020 11:39 AM
51	Die or put down Some of our patients will die if these drugs are not available to them - e.g. metronidazole, voriconazole. It is impossible to accurately dose a small exotic animal using tablets/existing formulations.	1/3/2020 11:31 AM
52	Cats and dogs and other domestic species are not like humans. We need access to smaller tablet sizes, flavored medications, and liquid suspensions in order to more easily and safely medicate our patients. This allows for less stress to our patients, which in turn allows for better health outcomes for those patients. This also allows less stress for the owners in caring for their sick pets and keeps the human animal bond strong. If compounded medications were harder or impossible to obtain and more expensive this would drastically impact the health and well-being of not only our furry patients, but also our human clients as well.	1/3/2020 8:05 AM
53	We should have the ability to have compounding meds as it helps prescribe safer more precise dosages of meds for certain animals. Also, we cannot ask animals to simply swallow a tablet with a glass of water as we do; they wouldn't understand and it's not palatable. For chronic medication use this is the best option. For aggressive animals that cannot be medicated other than transdermal medications, compounding is the best option.	1/3/2020 4:11 AM
54	7 of the 11 are used in everyday veterinary practice, almost all need to be compounded for use in peds patients or exotics (small mammals: rabbits, chinchillas, ferrets, g pigs, hamsters, gerbils, etc.), wildlife, zoo, or non-traditional pets/livestock (eg camelids, sugargliders, reptiles, birds, fish, etc.). Taking them out of accessibility for compounding will lead to death and disability for patients that would otherwise have been successfully treated.	1/3/2020 1:34 AM

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55	Many pills that are available do not crush easily and mix into suspension the same as bulk powder. If they don't want compounded drugs they need to make it cheaper and easier to approve numerous drugs already being used in other countries	1/2/2020 7:04 PM
56	These new proposals are completely unnecessary and will be harmful to veterinary medicine. Patients will suffer and be euthanized when they could have otherwise be treated with easy access to appropriate medications at costs that owners can afford. If this passes we should expect the quality and care of veterinary medicine to fall. This is not acceptable.	1/2/2020 6:09 PM
57	Meds need to be affordable and easily available or high prices are just as bad as not having them.	1/2/2020 6:01 PM
58	With the wide range of species that we care for, along with the wide range of body types and weights, it is imperative that we have access to compounded medications to ensure that we can accurately dose medications. Furthermore, animals are difficult to administer medications to. Compounded delivery methods make this easier for the animal to receive medications that are needed.	1/2/2020 4:49 PM
59	Many sizes of medications are not available in any form except from a compounding pharmacy. Liquid suspensions and solutions are largely unavailable unless compounded as well. Many of our clients are unable to give oral tablets to their animals and depend on liquids to provide proper medical care to their pets. We rely heavily on compounding pharmacies to properly treat our patients and they would suffer if these preparations became limited.	1/2/2020 4:11 PM
60	This would pose a TREMENDOUS problem for our patients. Who are the people that decide this in the FDA - they have NO IDEA what veterinarians do if they are proposing such a stupid idea.	1/2/2020 4:01 PM
61	While having a more palatable formulation available is helpful, it is more of an issues for me as a practitioner to be able to obtain affordable medications that are dosage appropriate for my patients.	1/2/2020 3:05 PM
62	the FDA is acting like a "helicopter parent"--many cats will not take a compounded medicine that is not flavored. Why are we (medical profession) having to take the brunt of the action because some parent can't keep medication out of the reach of a two year old. THEY are the parents of the child--They need to take responsibility not make it out to be our fault. Don't have a pet if you cannot keep medications away from your child.	1/2/2020 2:50 PM
63	Veterinarians treat animals that weigh ounces to tons and that presents challenges in both dosing accurately as well as administering without great stress to both the animal and it's caregiver. Please, please do not reduce treatment options available to veterinarians. Doing so will result in the death of many innocent animals.	1/2/2020 2:28 PM
64	There are not adequate words to describe the high level of negative impact these restrictions will cause with respect to medical care of our patients. We are not compounding- the pharmacies that we use are appropriately certified to do so.	1/2/2020 1:33 PM
65	Regarding #3, it is hard enough to get through the day and get home to see my family at a decent hour after seeing patients, writing records, logging controlled substances, etc. Adding another, in my opinion, unnecessary task to that list would only negatively affect the quality of life of the average veterinarian without any benefit, in my opinion. Regarding #4, it is not just the patients who will not take the medications in the commercial form, it is the smaller (especially exotic) patients for whom the typical sizes/concentrations do not apply, who benefit from compounding.	1/2/2020 1:31 PM
66	Negative impact to - patients would be dose matching to weight - clients would be convenience (dosing form, concentration, patient acceptance) and cost - clinic flow would be additional recording burden without benefit to client or patient outcome	1/2/2020 1:19 PM
67	I have multiple patients on two of the "negative list" drugs, which would likely require euthanasia due to poor quality of life I am unable to maintain them on these medications. All of these patients require doses that are not available commercially in a form which can be safely and/or reliably administered.	1/2/2020 1:17 PM
68	By increasing prices 300% more than they currently is like saying hi everyone, lets stay open for another couple months to year or so because no one will buy these drugs anymore for their pets unless they are willing to take out a mortgage on their house.	1/2/2020 12:36 PM
69	The FDA is over reaching. It is a knee jerk reaction being pushed by big name pharmaceutical	1/2/2020 12:10 PM

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	companies..	
70	I view this legislation as nothing more than an aggressive tactic by pharma companies. It is unlikely to be rooted in concern for animals.	1/2/2020 11:42 AM
71	If I were NOT able to use compounded drugs in the manner I am now, my patients would greatly suffer. Please do not take away my ability to treat my patients the right way.	1/2/2020 11:37 AM
72	This over reach and control is not to benefit patients or the profession. It is clearly a \$ grab by hired interest groups who have donations to guide into political campaigns!	1/2/2020 11:31 AM
73	The compounded drug I most commonly prescribe for individual patients is enrofloxacin (and only prescribe this when there is not another effective more narrow-spectrum drug available). Preventing compounding of gabapentin may have negative consequences because human products often contain xylitol, which can be fatal in dogs and human pharmacies often seem unaware of this). Compounding of gabapentin for cats allows a more reasonable administration option (liquid vs tabs and without xylitol). Many human drug preparations are unreasonable to use in horse because of the number of tabs that are needed to treat a horse using human products. This results in unreasonable amount of preparation for owners or veterinary practices, the possibility of misdosing if a large number of tabs need to be counted and ground up for each dose, and more potential exposure of animal owners or veterinary employees to medication when grinding up or otherwise preparing human medication for administration to large animals like horses. I do use human preparations when that is a reasonable option.	1/2/2020 11:23 AM
74	We use these drugs daily and have multiple patients that are on medications that are either not listed with the seven that we could choose from or that are on the list of 11 on the "negative list". Some of these patients have tried other means of treatment and the medication is the only thing keeping them healthy and happy. Both of these lists would mean decreased client compliance as the medications will be more expensive, difficult to find, or we may not even be able to get them and will have to switch medications.	1/2/2020 8:29 AM
75	I believe raising cost and making it harder to get a compounded drug will make more sick pets unable to get treatment and that I'm will result in a larger number of unneeded deaths due to missing medications	12/31/2019 11:08 PM
76	Compounding is incredibly important to a large open admission shelter working with several hundred companion animals at a time. Doxycycline is the treatment of choice for many small kittens (and adult cats) with upper respiratory infections, as well as several other disease processes. Additionally, a liquid compound significantly decreases the very real risk of esophageal stricture when using tablets or capsules. Having to individually compound per animal not only creates additional room for human error, but compromises patient care by taking staff away from direct care of the animals. Furthermore, having PCAB accredited compounding pharmacies prepare doxycycline ensures standardization of compounding. Metronidazole is another medication commonly compounded for use in cats with various GI disorders and would adversely affect shelters nationwide.	12/31/2019 8:26 AM
77	This would not only make dosing for small animals and exotic species nearly impossible but actually increase risk of overdosing patients or make it impossible to even treat animals with potentially lifesaving medications because there is no way to accurately dose them.	12/30/2019 3:39 PM
78	utterly ridiculous what FDA is trying to do, and has no idea of impact on veterinarian's daily practice.	12/30/2019 7:49 AM
79	The beauty of compounding was to put a drug into a formulation more palatable to the species of interest, or to put it in a safer formulation for the human handling the product. If we don't have these options or they become economically unfeasible for owners to get, we will no longer achieve our standard of care and more animals are going to suffer as a result. As veterinarians we are charged with addressing animal suffering where we see it. I don't mind the time it will take to verify that no other medicine is available to verify the need for a compounded pharmacy, but I only see a few cases where it is necessary. If we get so mired down in paperwork, we are not attending to our patients and again, it will be the animal who is going to suffer for bureaucratic red tape.	12/29/2019 9:04 PM
80	Veterinarians ESPECIALLY need unlimited access to compounded medications due to the variety of species we treat, the difficult nature of administering medications to them AND especially because our pain medication options are so difficult to provide due to the HUMAN crisis.	12/28/2019 1:48 PM

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81	Many of the drugs listed for question 1 and 2 are used daily at our practice. Not having affordable compounded medications to dispense directly from our clinic to our patients will most likely result in increased euthanasia rates, to be honest. One of the leading reasons we get from clients, when they decline medications, is the ongoing cost. If we cannot provide these medications, I fear a large segment of our clientele would be inclined to discontinue recommended treatments or choose euthanasia over costly long term treatment costs.	12/28/2019 12:50 PM
82	We don't need more paperwork/documentation as our time is already consumed by enough. Most of our patients will NOT take pills and only can be medicated with topical or oral suspensions or catnip infused treats/preps. Our practice will shutter vs participating in ever more burdensome regulation and government imposed medical practices that are NOT in our patient's best interest according to OUR medical training/judgement.	12/28/2019 11:19 AM
83	Bureaucrats have NO BUSINESS making decisions that should be made on an individual level with a proper medical background!	12/28/2019 6:19 AM
84	Cost is very important in our area. Forcing veterinarians to raise prices on compounded medications will prevent people from being able to treat their pets. Sometimes what's forgotten is whether or not the client can administer the prescribed medication, and our access to affordable compounded medications solves that problem.	12/27/2019 7:31 PM
85	It's as if the FDA does not understand the needs of non-human animals. These changes could seriously negatively impact our ability to treat pets in need.	12/27/2019 4:59 PM
86	This is a disaster	12/27/2019 4:43 PM
87	Added paperwork and unnecessary bureaucratic regulations to alter a system which has been working well for our patients is not helpful to the veterinary community or the patients we treat.	12/27/2019 3:55 PM
88	these people have no idea how much paper work they generate and the consumer is going to be the ultimate victim	12/27/2019 3:55 PM
89	All of the above put road block in the way of our effective care of our patients, either by raising costs or increasing the management of these substances.	12/27/2019 11:23 AM
90	Compounding of certain medicines is usually already more expensive than commercially available medicine and if you increase the cost by 300% the veterinary community would not be able to afford it, let alone, our clients.	12/27/2019 11:21 AM
91	Treating animals is nothing like treating humans. I wish they would leave medical discretion to the DVM where it belongs.	12/27/2019 9:46 AM
92		12/27/2019 8:31 AM
93	Increased cost to compound or treat Will lead to clients choosing not to treat at all.	12/26/2019 5:13 PM
94	Please do not enact these rules. This will severely hurt our animal patients. There must be accommodation for the specialized medications that animals need. We order from compounding: specially flavored (chicken/tuna), tiny dosages for small pets (under 10#), specialty carrier oils, long acting medications for difficult to treat patients, medications unavailable in the human market, forms unavailable in the human market like liquids, transdermals, and more. Please do not take these life saving options from our four legged family members.	12/26/2019 4:09 PM
95	This could mean the difference between owner's choosing to continue to provide medical treatment vs euthanasia. Some human manufactured drugs are just not the right size for cats and small dogs... or the cost is exorbitant for the veterinarian to stock in order to prescribe a small dose.	12/26/2019 3:52 PM
96	With all the documentation we already have in our practices, just one more thing taking away from our productivity and time. Also people that are budgeted for their pets may not purchase overpriced medications.	12/26/2019 1:54 PM
97	People treat their pets as family members today. Unfortunately, most people live on strict budget. Higher medical costs will prevent treatment and force people to euthanize pets.	12/26/2019 1:11 PM
98	While these survey questions are somewhat leading, there is no doubt that if any of them are indeed true, it would impact on the care I can provide my patients	12/26/2019 1:03 PM
99	It's sad that human pharma has so much ability to shape regulation to sell their products when	12/26/2019 12:31 PM

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human prescribing has moved on to another drug.

100	I rely on compounding to practice best medicine. On an emotional side it decreases the negative affect the human animal bond when medication is necessary	12/26/2019 11:09 AM
101	Most pet owners do not carry insurance on their pets, nor do they have the ability to use an insurance to lower the cost of medications for their pet. A pet owner can easily be forced to pay around \$100 a month or more to try to keep up with the health of their pet. This is unfair, and we need to look into what it means to make it harder to take care of the health of our pets.	12/26/2019 11:01 AM
102	We depend on compounded products for dosing accuracy, flavor options for medication acceptance, and product availability during prolonged back order situations of standard medications	12/26/2019 8:05 AM
103	It's really inconvenient to find a different client with the same problem so that we can order medication our patients need. Not just that, but explaining that someone can't afford medicine AND having to give their name? Our clients are going to be pissed	12/24/2019 7:22 PM
104	The proposed FDA "guidance" is best described as FDA Hinderance!!! (hinderance: any obstruction that impedes or is burdensome)	12/24/2019 6:19 PM
105	Our patients vary greatly in size and species, unlike human medicine. Compounding for tiny animals or exotics is necessary for treatment of our patients. Making medications palatable is essential to compliance. To pass this proposal would have a significant negative impact on veterinary medicine as a whole and patient care.	12/24/2019 11:37 AM
106	Feline only practice. We need access to compounded medications, not just in our practice but for our clients as well. We have many patients who cannot or will not accept a pill form of medications and need alternatives. It would be devastating not only to our practice but to our clients and the health of their felines as well. This is not just an impact on the types of compounds that are offered but also the cost of the compounds as well, we have clients with financial constraints and if costs are increased this harms not only the clients but the patients as well who need some of these medications to survive and live day to day.	12/24/2019 8:58 AM
107	like so many other company businesses the FDA is composed of people that never worked in general practice a day in their lives yet sit in judgement of the need of certain drugs the general public can,t really afford.	12/24/2019 7:43 AM
108	Having access to these medications can be lifesaving. Cost is a huge factor in whether pets receive the medications they need. If costs go up, fewer pets will benefit from these medications.	12/24/2019 7:12 AM
109	Several small dogs that will not take pill pockets or treats with pills in them and need their pills in liquid form. Also many human drugs are in a strength too large for the smaller dogs. Ursodiol for one.	12/24/2019 2:06 AM
110	Doxycycline, as an example, is a shelter's first line empirical choice for upper respiratory disease in both dogs and cats. In dogs, using the usual tablets or capsules is fine, of course. However, for cats and kittens, the liquid is preferred, both due to the risk of esophageal retention of a pill/capsule and due to the small size of cats and kittens. The available commercial oral liquid is not concentrated enough to keep the number of mls needed as small as possible which is absolutely essential when comes to dosing animals. In addition, it is not produced in a flavor that makes giving a large number of mls to an animal with both teeth and claws. When needed for exotics all of the above also applies. And lastly, in shelters in particular, any increase in the use of limited resources - whether that be time and/or money for a drug or a process, such as increasing record keeping requirements, means less of those resources to go around. And shelters are already struggling to manage to provide needed care with the resources presently available.	12/23/2019 9:46 PM
111	The list of 11 drugs contain numerous drugs that our practices compounds regularly. Gabapentin, amlodipine, doxycycline. Having the gabapentin available in tiny tablets is crucial for accurate dosing instead of using large capsules for cats or small dogs	12/23/2019 7:39 PM
112	This would be yet another time suck on an already overloaded system in which clinicians and technicians are already drowning in paperwork. Part of the process of prescribing is that the clinician is making a medical judgement. Why would we need to document the reason behind this medical judgement? It is our experience and expertise that allows a medical decision,	12/23/2019 7:16 PM

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having to document every medical decision we make is just more paperwork that seems unnecessary.

113	As long as we are using licensed compounding pharmacies, I do not understand why all these stupid regulations! Until pharmaceutical companies will do the research that will provide FDA approved medications that we can use in every patient for every disease (as proven through university research and published in formularies) our hands will be tied. Of course, none of them want to do that unless it is going to make them a ton of money, which it won't. This proposal will make practicing veterinary medicine a nightmare! The system we have has worked well for many years and, as long as the pharmacies are regulated and follow approved guidelines, there should be no problem. "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"!	12/23/2019 7:03 PM
114	There is NO justifiable reason for these substances or any other medically appropriate drug to be denied to the veterinary establishment in compounding for appropriate patients!! This is absurd and ridiculous, and demonstrates blinkered philistine thinking on the part of ignorant government cronies.	12/23/2019 7:01 PM
115	This is outrageous! Animal owners already struggle with costs of medications!! Animals will go without, and all of these drugs are CRITICAL to treat life-threatening and painful conditions!! This is the same profiteering that Martin Shkreli committed! And the only reason it isn't front-page news is that it affects animals and veterinarians instead of people with more advocacy.	12/23/2019 6:58 PM
116	Requiring documentation of the necessity for a compounded drug on the prescription would be cumbersome but reasonable, and could likely be streamlined to be fairly quick. The other suggestions would significantly negatively impact our ability to practice good medicine.	12/23/2019 6:25 PM
117	If the price of ingredients goes up. The the cost will go up for patients. This making it less likely that owners will treat their pets properly which could end up leading to neglect on the owners part for the health and well-being of there pet. If compounded ingredients are also lessened this will pose a problem if the pet needs a medication that in only stable in some types of ingredients.	12/23/2019 6:16 PM
118	Some pets are difficult to medicate, and having a flavored substitute or liquid version would be helpful	12/23/2019 6:06 PM
119	Die or put down This would lead to many animals not being treated and suffering and dying prematurely.	12/23/2019 4:40 PM
120	Just get a hold on the legislation proposed and dump it.	12/23/2019 3:52 PM
121	Compound medications provide a better quality of life, better treatment protocols, reduced cost for our pets.	12/23/2019 3:50 PM
122	we use these medications regularly and the commercially available options are not sufficient. we have to also consider the ingredients in the formulations that we use in people and flavors	12/23/2019 3:07 PM
123	Restrictions on doxycycline would have significant impacts on equine health (lyme disease, lawsonia,etc...)	12/23/2019 2:19 PM
124	THIS INITIATIVE HAS TO BE STOPPED IN ITS TRACKS--THIS IS SUCH A RIDICULOUS MOVE BY THE FDA!!!!!!	12/23/2019 2:05 PM
125	This proposed list removes ALL of the drugs we request from compounding pharmacies on a daily basis. Without the availability of these drugs, many animal's lives will be at risk.	12/23/2019 1:37 PM
126	The FDA will destroy veterinary practice and increase the cost of veterinary care making an already difficult situation worse. Since the ACA went into effect the cost of medications and supplies has skyrocketed even in the veterinary market creating difficult situations for many pet owners.	12/23/2019 1:16 PM
127	Have the people pushing this ill-considered law ever had to medicate a cat? Or a small dog? What do they expect pet owners to do? One thing I know is that you don't want to anger the pet community - and they vote!!	12/23/2019 12:45 PM
128	No one should say what I can prescribe or not. That is tying my hands in treatment of my patients.	12/23/2019 12:39 PM
129	The above changes would make treating some of our patients almost impossible, tying our hands due to cost or option limitations. This would be detrimental to patient care and treatment, forcing even more veterinarians out of the industry due to being unable to treat pets effectively	12/23/2019 12:24 PM

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when they know there are products possible to treat a condition but they are not legally allowed to use them. The above would be destructive for the pets, for the owners, for the veterinarians and their staff, as well as for the veterinary industry as a whole.

130	One of the advantages to purchasing compounded drugs is the ease of administering those drugs. For example, we use doxycycline for our kittens, who require a very small dose. Before we started using compounded doxy, we had to open up capsules and mix the drug in a base. We weren't really sure how accurately the dosage was since the medication would separate, and the drug is so bitter the kittens would froth at the mouth and vomit. Once we started using flavored compounded doxy, we were sure they were getting the right dose and they took the medication much better, ensuring better compliance and better response to the medication.	12/23/2019 12:20 PM
131	Pets do not always take medication in the forms that manufacturers create them in; especially cats!!!	12/23/2019 12:14 PM
132	This proposal will do more harm than good.	12/23/2019 11:41 AM
133	This is totally outrageous as it applies to veterinary medicine!	12/23/2019 11:17 AM
134	Gabapentin and doxycycline in particular would have a large negative impact on my practice. Some of the drugs the FDA says are available in liquid form for human pharmacies have xylitol added (toxic to our patients!), and also flavoring that is not palatable to our patients! Just because there is a concentration that might work for our patients doesn't mean that the formulation overall will work!	12/23/2019 10:51 AM
135	If the FDA would look at animals in shelter care that would be negatively impacted they would see that this current proposal is unreasonable and will negatively impact animal care. Restricting doxycycline compounding and office stock alone would have a huge detrimental effect.	12/23/2019 10:50 AM
136	Significant increase in prices in particular will severely negatively impact patient care and well-being.	12/23/2019 10:44 AM
137	Enrofloxacin is on the negative list. While I understand as a florquinolone it is important, it is not a human medication and is vital to rabbit/exotic medicine. Increasing the price would likely result in less treatment and thus more death of pets.	12/23/2019 10:43 AM
138	Please do not make our lives more difficult or complicated than they already are! We already use the standard medications when possible. All this will do is make our jobs more stressful. I already have clients claiming that we are just in it for the money. I also have several clients on a fixed income that try to do everything they can for their pets, increasing cost will make it virtually impossible for them to care for themselves and their animals.	12/23/2019 10:34 AM
139	Maybe we can make a stamp?	12/23/2019 10:32 AM
140	The proposed FDA guidelines do not make sense for our veterinary patients.	12/23/2019 10:20 AM
141	We use compounded doxycycline and gabapentin daily. We need to compound enrofloxacin in house for small exotic patients frequently. Documenting it would be very time consuming and use up time that could be spent treating shelter animals in need. Increasing cost by 300% would be a huge financial burden making buying them cost prohibitive and the patients would suffer as a result.	12/23/2019 10:17 AM
142	why are you trying to make it more difficult for us? WHY? if so significant on your side is there a happy balance point to serve us both - why is the answer always to ban. the drug list does not contain narcotics, so why is it a problem? we need to keep our options open and prices affordable to be able to utilize them. Last time I looked this is America - a free country - why limit us in this instance?	12/23/2019 10:09 AM
143	I am not sure which drugs are on the fda negative list	12/23/2019 9:53 AM
144	flavoring is important for patients dose form for humans isn't always best for pets (ie only pill and need liquid) our small and exotic patients greatly benefit from compounded meds	12/23/2019 9:48 AM
145	I know our clients and patients would suffer greatly from having less access to compounded medications, there are so many important medications that our patients receive from this compounding pharmacy. On top of that, if the price were increased 300% that would put great strain on the owners to be able to provide the necessary medications to their pets.	12/23/2019 9:42 AM
146	Compounded meds are already more expensive overall than the ones available through drug	12/23/2019 9:30 AM

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manufacturers so price is never the reason I choose compounded over one readily available. Therefore increasing the price even more would essentially make it so that the animals can not get the meds they need for life saving.

147	Thousands of patients need compounded medications for a variety of reasons including palatability, efficacy, cost effectiveness, and/or delivery method (topical vs. oral vs. transdermal, etc.). Veterinarians can't have their hands tied when practicing medicine and should not be limited on how they treat their patients so long as it is in the best interest of the patient and medically warranted. The proposed FDA guidelines also limits capitalism and allows only the larger pharmaceutical companies to control medicine.	12/23/2019 9:29 AM
148	I would challenge the FDA that they have never had to pill a cat. These are not "mini humans"! I would also challenge that they have not tried to cut pills into 1/8th's. They will actually cause more harm than good, as some veterinarians will resort to crushing and mixing within their practice to accommodate proper dosing- effectively putting patients AT MORE RISK than if they'd tried to work with us, not against us, with this measure. I feel this is pressure and lobbying by big pharma, not actual care for our patients.	12/23/2019 9:26 AM
149	Making it difficult to access compounded medications is very obviously a lobbying effort on behalf of large pharma companies. What's important here is proper patient treatment, not protecting corporate interests in restricting the market.	12/23/2019 9:23 AM
150	Many human preparations of medications can be toxic to veterinary species. For example liquid gabapentin for humans contains xylitol which is lethal to dogs. It is very important we are able to get formulations that are safe for our species.	12/23/2019 9:22 AM
151	This would negatively impact our life saving ability in the shelter environment.	12/23/2019 9:19 AM
152	This ruling will make it too expensive for a common person from having an animal companion. With every thing that has become so expensive in the world the FDA will make animal companions a thing of the past.	12/23/2019 7:46 AM
153	This smacks of big pharma lining their pockets	12/23/2019 6:57 AM
154	Guidelines and limitations will greatly affect our ability to give proper care. it is very frustrating to tell clients that the treatment is not available due to laws in effect.	12/23/2019 6:56 AM
155	There is no positive impact for our clinic from these proposed regulations.	12/22/2019 2:31 PM
156	Having a wide variety of compounding medications to help us practice better medicine and increase owner compliance is very important. Making this medications prohibitively expensive with the new rules will hurt our patient care significantly.	12/22/2019 2:01 PM
157	These changes would make it cost prohibitive for me to provide proper care to my patients and possibly contribute to small practices such as mine to fold.	12/22/2019 1:39 PM
158	These would all be terrible for the veterinary community.	12/22/2019 12:37 PM
159	Sounds like the government, under the influence of the big pharma, is trying to close down compounded medications in any manner possible. Why should the government determine the price of medication, specifically, why would the medications inflate by as much as 300%?? To derail the compounders, and give more money back to the big pharma companies.	12/22/2019 12:10 PM
160	It is beyond my ken why anyone would want to put stumbling blocks between clients, vets and the proper care that we demand for the beloved pets of all species depending on us.	12/21/2019 4:17 PM
161	Animals and clients frequently need medications if formulations that are nor currently available in FDA approved preparations. There are hardly any approved medications available for exotics.	12/21/2019 3:05 PM
162	Cost is already a significant factor for clients to be able to treat their pets. Compounding most often increases price for treatment significantly and to push this further may hamper more clients in their ability to purchase recommended medications.	12/21/2019 2:20 PM
163	See previous notes. this would set us back decades in vet medicine	12/21/2019 12:36 PM
164	The proposed rule obviously come from non-veterinary regulatory bodies that have no idea how and why we use compounded medications and have never tried to pill a fractious cat. It makes NO sense to limit our ability to practice medicine. Given the major problems present in the	12/21/2019 12:22 PM

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human drug industry it would make more sense for the FDA to spend their time/energy/money making proposals to LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES for people (and Veterinarians).

165	Where are the animal advocates on this? Seriously why do we have to have this endless discussions on something that isn't "good medicine"!	12/21/2019 11:45 AM
166	Most clients are already price sensitive to medications - both human and veterinary. Being forced to increase prices by 300% would again cause a massive increase in euthanasias.	12/21/2019 10:01 AM
167	Human medication does not come in the strength needed for cats. Cutting these pills is often difficult for owners and leads to inconsistent dosing. Compounded liquids and chews are much more precise and therefore better medicine for the cat.	12/21/2019 9:58 AM
168	It is hard enough to get owner compliance for giving medications with flavored, liquid, chewy or other compounded medications right now. It would be even worse if those options were not available. This could negatively impact our ability (meaning veterinarians and human doctors) to reduce the risk of bacterial resistance to antibiotics if an owner is only partially giving the appropriate medications or stopping too early in the course of treatment because of the frustration of giving an unflavored tablet.	12/21/2019 9:50 AM
169	Compliance and safety will be compromised if flavored medications and different forms are not available. Many of the medications on the negative list are routinely used in our practice to manage cases. These medications are not available in reasonable forms and sizes for the patients they are used in. Additional documentation decreases flow and adds unnecessary burden to practitioners who are already prescribing responsibly.	12/21/2019 9:40 AM
170	This will have a huge negative impact of treatment success, whether it be compliance or availability. The FDA has no idea what the daily needs are, and the public knows this is driven by big Pharma losing sales, which helps pay for our great politicians in this country...how sad.	12/21/2019 8:53 AM
171	This is all more governmental interference in a subject they seem to know nothing about. Seems to me to be more senseless bureaucratic BS in order to justify their existence.....I can guarantee somewhere along the way the government will end up charging huge fees for the "privilege of using life saving compounded drugs.	12/21/2019 8:41 AM
172	Gabapentin is one of the few meds that help my cats in pain	12/21/2019 7:41 AM
173	the last statement greatly increases our workload of documentation.	12/21/2019 7:41 AM
174	It is essential that lawmakers understand the inherent difficulties of dosing medications accurately to ensure safety for animals in our care. We also need medications in forms that facilitate administration such as transdermal gels, meat flavored liquids , and rapidly dissolving tablets . We need these formulated by pharmacies that specialize in this area, not our local corner pharmacy. Passing this law might even encourage illegal , unregulated compounding of drugs ? Lastly , the tremendous increase in cost would eliminate access to those with limited ability to afford medications.	12/21/2019 7:21 AM
175	Not allowing compounding doesn't take into consideration the size of the patients that we treat and the strength of the medications available. It also doesn't consider the difficulties that medicating animals can present with palatability, and size of animal that must be restrained to give medications. Cost prohibitive policies will certainly ensure we euthanize more animals and will tie our hands in our ability to treat patients that have treatable conditions.	12/21/2019 7:08 AM
176	Clients already balk at the current cost of compounded meds, but they still buy them because they can't get the prescribed medications into their pets any other way (such as a topical gel formulation for cats, instead of shoving the FDA-approved capsule down their cat's throats 1-2 times daily). If compounded med costs skyrocket, I'm certain I will end up having to perform more premature euthanasias on pets with treatable/generally manageable or short-term conditions/illnesses, simply because the owner cannot afford the medication in the formulation that they can safely and accurately administer to their pet. Besides the owner's lingering guilt regarding such a decision, this effect will also contribute to the issues regarding burnout, depression, and suicide that are plaguing veterinary professionals! We REALLY do not like having to kill our patients based on financial concerns, but we do it with a straight face in the office, then cry ourselves to sleep at night, every night for the next week or more!	12/21/2019 6:59 AM
177	This is obviously being pushed by people who have no clue how veterinarians practice and the difficulties we face every day with uncooperative patients and price caps imposed by their owners.	12/21/2019 6:28 AM

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178	Human pharmacists are in no way familiar with how human medications impact veterinary patients. It could/would be detrimental for this bill to pass. Would endanger the health of veterinary patients and impact the veterinary professional industry. Owners do not understand that just because they purchase a product from an outside source (other than their veterinarian) that the people in those facilities have the same knowledge of their pet as their veterinarian and can answer their questions regarding their pet.	12/21/2019 5:59 AM
179	Doxycycline in a compounded form is necessary to have for small dogs with tick borne diseases. Lyme disease is endemic to most of the continental US. Cats also need doxycycline in compounded liquid form for treatment of Mycoplasma felis. Availability of transdermal forms of compounded medications is essential in the management of many chronic feline illnesses. Limiting the ability to compound enrofloxacin would have a negative impact on the treatment of exotic species in particular.	12/21/2019 5:51 AM
180	Some pets can be very difficult to dose with their medication-and at times it can be harmful to the owner if they have to deal with a pet that may be trying to bite or scratch while doing so. Being able to obtain medication in forms that remove the stress for the patient is very important.	12/21/2019 5:38 AM
181	All of these would have a significant negative impact on my ability to adequately practice veterinary medicine.	12/20/2019 9:29 PM
182	These rules would make it a lot harder to medicate my patients.	12/20/2019 9:22 PM
183	If the medication in the Negative List goes through, I will not be able to medicate my own cat. He will likely decline to the point of needing euthanasia without his budesonide. This medication has changed his life from a cat that had diarrhea literally all through my home and on all surfaces and not being able to absorb nutrients to a cat that is a healthy weight and uses the litter box with normal stool consistency. I certainly hope that his life will not be ruined by the government deciding they know better than individual doctors for their patients.	12/20/2019 9:09 PM
184	Compounding pharmacies have the equipment and expertise to compound accurately and efficiently. Many of my clients are low or fixed income and could not pay 300% more for their pet's medications. The FDA proposal would have a significant negative impact on pets lives and on the well being of the owners who could no longer afford, or administer medications	12/20/2019 8:34 PM
185	Whatever happened to the 'less government' minions?	12/20/2019 8:30 PM
186	Adequate administration of prescribes medications is difficult at best. Without the availability of a compounded medication that are chewable, flavored, liquid, or other non-commercially available form would be impossible for many patients resulting in unsatisfactory results in treatment.	12/20/2019 8:23 PM
187	Some compounded medication would be cost prohibitive if not prepared from bulk ingredients.	12/20/2019 8:15 PM
188	Would not be able to fit on prescription label. Would have to have a sticker made to apply to prescription to place on vial/bottle.	12/20/2019 8:05 PM
189	Drug shortages are frequent	12/20/2019 7:30 PM
190	Limiting access to these drugs seems more to benefit large pharmaceutical companies, rather than helping individual patients. Human doctors don't have the range and scope of animals and sizes that veterinarians treat. We need drugs available to treat a 5 lb chihuahua as well as a 165 lb great dane. I personally have been able to help patients avoid numerous foreign body surgeries and life threatening toxicities by inducing vomiting in a safe manner with apomorphine. Does anyone actually practice veterinary medicine who works at the FDA. What a bloated bureaucratic crappy organization that is completely impractical.	12/20/2019 7:23 PM
191	I have a veterinary degree because I went through pharmacology and I am capable of making safe and correct decision on what medications each patients needs. The government does not need to infringe on my right to take care of my veterinary patients. I have the degree. I have the knowledge. I use the knowledge to make good decisions. I take care of my patients.	12/20/2019 7:18 PM
192	These stipulations will only keep necessary medications at a higher expense for owners and become more of an issue in availability of quick and necessary treatments	12/20/2019 7:07 PM
193	This is going to be a big problem for consumers It does not come down to dollars and cents but ability to care for our patients. If we can order medications from online retailers, what's wrong with having a mediation made from a bulk substance by a licensed pharmacist trained in veterinary pharmacology.	12/20/2019 6:14 PM

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194	The more animals that come through the shelter the higher the likelihood of needing something but judicial use is always a concern. Working in a shelter, my patients may not have a long term duration here so having a source of limited options are very valuable to have in my arsenal. This allows for use on both different species and sized animals.	12/20/2019 1:55 PM
195	Without a large variety of drugs in different formats I will not be able to provide them to my client's pets with a high degree of successful outcomes. ie if this were to come about compounding will essentially no longer be used or I would illegally in house compound the human drug by mixing it with flavoring to get patient compliance. The biggest issue is transdermal drugs as I could not do that for my patients.	12/20/2019 12:20 PM
196	Gabapentin suspension is frequently used to treat cats at my practice. Cats can be difficult to administer oral medications to and often smell the capsule contents if mixed in canned food. So it is important be have the suspension available in the clinic to prescribe for multiple animals.	12/20/2019 11:41 AM
197	Flavored and Dermal compounded medications are an important part of our pharmacy. Numerous cats and some dogs would not be medicated if we don't have convenient delivery systems. Owner compliance is superlative to the animals health. Feline dermal Methimazole and Amitriptyline are extremely important to our practice. Please do not let them take them away!!!!	12/20/2019 11:30 AM
198	Why is this legislation even in proposal? What problems have occurred that make this necessary? Our government struggles to protect even the most basic of human rights. Why is this level of veterinary legislation even necessary when this does not even apply to human medications? This is ridiculous.	12/20/2019 11:24 AM
199	Absolute insanity to limit essential health care in any way.	12/20/2019 11:19 AM
200	Compounded medications are already expensive and more difficult for our clients to obtain. These laws would put our patients in great medical jeopardy, as the veterinary and human medications approved at this time are not useful for many patients.	12/20/2019 10:46 AM
201	It is already a barrier for many owners to purchase compounded medications when there are no other alternatives. Many patients will suffer without medication or will be euthanized if these laws are passed	12/20/2019 10:11 AM
202	This proposed regulation will significantly impact veterinary standard of care and the critical needs of our patients. It is unconscionable that veterinary medicine is being targeted with this proposed regulation.	12/20/2019 8:39 AM
203	Compounding of medications is already expensive and increasing it will be harmful to the patients that I serve. Also some dosing can be smaller then any other manufactured drug, even when to split the tablets. Many times there is not liquid alternative available.	12/20/2019 8:30 AM
204	The variety of sizes and species we see DOES NOT allow for "one size fits all" mentality.	12/20/2019 8:04 AM
205	Options such as compounding medications into treats, liquids or smaller sizes allows for the best chance of the pets getting medication they need, especially chronic medications.	12/20/2019 8:00 AM
206	Not sure what the 7 or 11 ingredients are that being proposed.	12/19/2019 7:10 PM
207	The nature of veterinary small animal oncology is that we MUST be able to have dosage forms that work for our patients and we should not have to explain for every drug and every patient why it's important for us to prescribe this medication. Recurring shortages in human medicine make it impossible for us to treat animals with chemotherapy if we do not have an alternative way to acquire these medications. There are also many drugs that simply are not cost effective for human drug manufacturers to produce any longer and our patients should not suffer because it's not profitable for a drug company.	12/19/2019 6:47 PM
208	The FDA should NOT be regulating the veterinary industries use of compounded medications. If anything it is USDA jurisdiction, but these are still companion animals and not food animals. We need to be able to have access to smaller doses based on the smaller patients. We are advancing medicine to the same level as human medicine is with cancer therapies and many of these advancements are translatable to the human side looking for a cure.	12/19/2019 3:56 PM
209	Some of the drugs on the "negative list" as so very widely prescribed and important to the health of companion animals that their ban from being compounded would have a very serious impact on the health of those pets.	12/19/2019 3:14 PM

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210	Very bad limiting ingredients. This means less availability.	12/19/2019 2:58 PM
211	I think that the people that propose this legislation should come on the road with my veterinarians and see what we deal with every day in real time.	12/19/2019 12:41 PM
212	We regularly compound more than half of these "negative" drugs, generally reducing the dose to accurately treat our small patients. Cutting larger dose pills is not an accurate way for us to administer small volume medications and we would run the risk of overdosing or underdosing the patient.	12/19/2019 12:00 PM
213	When a commercially available option exists, compounded medications are already a last resort. It takes more time to prepare the prescription (more variables) and order it and it is more costly. I do not see compounding as a major threat to commercially prepared medications, at least in our practice. However, without the option of reasonably priced compounded medications a good number of animals will go without treatment negatively affecting their quality of life and the human-animal bond.	12/19/2019 11:23 AM
214	Having options for liquids, chew tabs and flavorings that animals will tolerate is essential to our treatment of our patients.	12/19/2019 10:30 AM
215	Having the ability to get medications in different forms such as flavored suspensions can make giving medications to pets possible. Cats for example. Also if the price of the medication is out of reach for the client then it also does the pet no good.	12/19/2019 10:14 AM
216	Regulations that affect my ability to treat animals do not make sense. I am already responsible for the medical record, the public health aspect of treating with extralabel drugs and putting withdrawals times on treated animals, the owners health and safety as well as my staff and my own safety. As a veterinarian I have already taken an oath that I follow. Compounded pharmaceuticals fill a niche in our system because the costs to test and get drugs licensed today is too high for a large pharmaceutical company to justify. I have used compounded drugs for almost 40 years with good success. Quite frankly, I don't ever remember having a problem (reaction, contamination, not working) with them.	12/19/2019 10:08 AM
217	I really do not understand why all these changes are necessary. Please do not interfere with my ability and desire to do what is in the best interests of my patients.	12/19/2019 9:58 AM
218	Medicating cats and dogs is very difficult. Just as the need for flavored compounds exists for kids the same needs exists for our pets. The difference being many children products have additional ingredients that are toxic to pets. The result being either we need hundreds of new FDA approved products with flavors, or we continue compounding on an as needed basis. Many of the medications listed on the "negative lists" are common for compounding due to patient aversion but they are warranted when significant disease is present. This will create a huge negative impact on owner availability and practicality of administering medications to their sick pets.	12/19/2019 9:24 AM
219	If the medications are unaffordable the client will deny the animal treatment. If their is a delay in obtaining the medication the animal will become more sick and suffer unnecessarily.	12/19/2019 9:08 AM
220	Common Sense has been lost! All these proposals would severely NEGATIVELY impact how we practice veterinary medicine.	12/19/2019 9:07 AM
221	This entire proposal would largely negatively impact our small Oncology practice. There are already so many pharmaceutical limitations and restrictions, it's ridiculous. We are already struggling to uphold our standard of care with the way things currently are in the pharmaceutical realm. This proposition will highly affect our ability to treat our patients appropriately.	12/19/2019 9:02 AM
222	Costs are very important to clients who pay for my patient's care. Unlike humans with insurance, the costs for to these clients has a direct impact on the ultimate care of the animal. Do rule makers ever try pilling cats? We use compounding to make transdermal medications available for a large variety of ailments. The loss of these medications would definitely lead to more human bite wounds (increasing the burden on the human health care side) and increase the number of cat euthanasias for inability to treat. Many human products have the artificial sweetener Xylitol added. This is a severe toxin to dogs. Every time I contact the local pharmacy about a human medication, we have to check the additional ingredients to be sure that Xylitol is not included. Lyme disease is not only a rising human health care problem but a huge problem in horses. Using bulk medications compounded into a palatable, oral form allows for effective treatment of these patients who would otherwise go untreated or be euthanized do to this debilitating but treatable disease.	12/19/2019 8:51 AM

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223	Human pharmaceuticals are meant for humans. We need to have compounding options for our animal patients.	12/19/2019 8:04 AM
224	Why would they be doing this?!!!!	12/19/2019 7:46 AM
225	Do not see the purpose in this extra regulation, makes things more difficult for practitioners and our clients.	12/19/2019 7:41 AM
226	Stop restricting access to health! It's disgusting!	12/19/2019 7:22 AM
227	It is super difficult and annoying for owners to count out 50 doxycycline tablets and allow them to soak for 12 hours or open 50 doxycycline capsules twice a day to treat a horse for a month	12/19/2019 7:13 AM
228	If prices go way up... My clients likely cannot or will not afford these compounded meds. They already cost more than meds in hospital. Many of my clients are senior citizens on fixed income. Making me document why I need compounded meds is not the end of the world it just takes more time and is one more step in the record. Limiting my option of compounded meds I can prescribe simply means some of my patients will not be treated!!!! And that is a horrible thought. Patients that need cardiac meds, seizure meds or special antibiotics. So what??? We tell the owner I can't help your pet? Or we risk overdosing them b/c I can't get the right dose? Or we euthanize. b/c I have no way of helping them??? That's awful!!!	12/19/2019 6:49 AM
229	Some of my patients weigh less than 10 GRAMS in body weight; without compounded medications as an option, some of which have a normal pill formulation available and Some which do not, I would not be able to serve my smaller exotic pet patients who deserve the same level of care as the larger animals that these formulated meds are being marketed towards.	12/19/2019 6:26 AM
230	Taking away our use of these medications through compounding provides a crippling path for veterinarians. Please do not take away our methods we use to relieve suffering, treat and heal. Thank you.	12/19/2019 6:23 AM
231	What are you guys thinking, you sit in your offices but do not deal with people who love their animals and would do anything to help them when they are sick or injured. Stop this Now	12/19/2019 2:12 AM
232	These proposals would affect us on a daily basis and have a very negative effect on pet health	12/18/2019 11:48 PM
233	These proposed changes would definitely limit my ability to utilize my drug of choice for many cases, and economically, a large increase in price would mean majority of my clients would not be able to afford to treat their horse.	12/18/2019 11:01 PM
234	This would limit my ability to effectively treat disease and alleviate animal suffering. It would lead to an inability to treat animal family members and greatly increase suffering and the inability nor middle and low income families from humanely supporting pets with disease. It would also lead to increased financial and investment losses in performance horses due to the lack of availability of critical equine medications that are not available through human markets.	12/18/2019 10:34 PM
235	Not only do many of my patients not like tablets or liquid and need flavors to help administer them, but many of the human medications do not come in a size that is safe. Owners will not be able to afford compounded medication if the costs increase by 300%. I can say that the veterinarians I work with do not have medications compounded unless they are absolutely necessary and there are no other alternatives for the health, safety and wellbeing of the patient.	12/18/2019 9:48 PM
236	Animals would suffer without this	12/18/2019 9:47 PM
237	Part of the veterinarian's oath is to "do no harm". Restricting the ability of veterinarians to prescribe compounded medications would be "doing harm" to our patients!	12/18/2019 9:28 PM
238	I am in a special industry. One law can't conform to every industry. We need compounded drugs and especially compounded controlled drugs for darting. Currently, if a client brings in a injured deer, they have to basically provide anesthesia for me to perform surgery.	12/18/2019 8:59 PM
239	Several of these medications are used frequently but judiciously in clinical practice.	12/18/2019 8:50 PM
240	Let vets practice medicine! Keep costs reasonable and let vets practice the way they were taught in vet school to provide individual care based on weight, species and condition-they know best they've dedicated their lives to serving multiple species.	12/18/2019 8:33 PM
241	There are many ingredients that are used to bind, distribute, and expand active ingredients into pill or capsule forms that are convenient for human use. These may prevent the active ingredient from being uniformly distributed throughout a tablet, so simply breaking a tablet in	12/18/2019 8:17 PM

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half does not equal giving half the dose of a whole tablet. It is also very difficult to give 1/8 or 1/16 of a tablet even if the active ingredient was evenly disbursed. Using the pure bulk ingredients allows compounded medications to be more safely and accurately administered to our small patients. Many of the inactive ingredients can be toxic to non-human species due to differences in metabolism. The veterinary pharmaceutical market is not attractive enough for manufacturers to fill the specialized needs of our patients, but they don't want to allow us to fill our patients needs in a way that does not benefit them financially. I believe that these rules are not in the best interest of animal health, but are only in the best interest of large pharmaceutical companies.

242	I would be disastrous for my clients (3 of them with 4 dogs total) that are on Fludrocortisone if it is excluded from the drugs that can be compounded.	12/18/2019 8:16 PM
243	The increased costs for compounded medication would mean that many of our patients would not get the recommended drug. Unfortunately, in our area an important factor in a pet receiving treatment for a diagnosed condition is the cost of therapy.	12/18/2019 7:39 PM
244	Die or put down Isn't big pharma rich enough, geesh! Many of my patients are not expensive pets but hugely loved. It is heartbreaking to watch parents explain to their children why their beloved pet will die because they can't afford care.	12/18/2019 7:22 PM
245	These will all negatively impact veterinarians and our patients, being able to flavor medications or have them made into different formulations ie transdermal, liquid, etc greatly increase owner compliance in treating their pets. If we are unable to compound medications the care we provide our patients will be greatly compromised and our patients will suffer.	12/18/2019 6:38 PM
246	I tried not to answer the first and 4th question because I don't really know much about the compounding process and I don't know how these limitations on bulk active ingredients would affect the medications we use. The survey would not move on until I answered so I put no neg or pos impact, but I have no idea. I'm sure it wouldn't be a positive but unsure if it would be a negative.	12/18/2019 6:18 PM
247	my patients are already turning to toxic brands that they find on the internet because they cannot afford the prescribed brand meds. if they cannot get the compounded medications then the patients will not get any treatment and may be euthanized or abandoned	12/18/2019 5:53 PM
248	Please note that veterinary medical needs are hugely different from human needs (one species), and because of special management protocols that are a reflection of the different ways animals are husbanded, depending on their sue, function, the ability and facilities available to the owner, etc, etc.	12/18/2019 5:45 PM
249	We have to have better tasting meds as our clients need to be safe trying to get it into a large animal that can easily hurt them AND to get the horse to swallow most of it for therapeutic benefit. In some cases, you are also able to help the client avoid contact with a medication because it is a paste and not a liquid made from melted pills. This is highly desirable to decrease human exposure.	12/18/2019 5:25 PM
250	Anything that would increase the cost or limit the ability to medicate a pet would have a large negative impact on managing the care of pet in rural lower income areas such as where I practice.	12/18/2019 5:06 PM
251	I don't make any money off compounded products. My only incentive is to figure out a way to get the medication needed in a dose small enough for my patient, in a manner my client can administer to the patient, at a price my client is able to pay. If I am not able to achieve this the patient suffers or is euthanized.	12/18/2019 5:00 PM
252	This all seems like a very bad idea.	12/18/2019 4:48 PM
253	It can be extremely difficult to medicate many patients without compounding with special flavoring etc	12/18/2019 4:31 PM
254	There are NO benefits to limiting compounded medications.	12/18/2019 4:22 PM
255	These last proposals would eliminate much of my practice and my ability to meet the needs of my clients' patients. I would have to close the door to my practice	12/18/2019 4:17 PM
256	For the fourth question.....we often need to compound medications into a liquid formulation due to patient size or medication compliance (clients struggle to give tablets or capsules to cats, etc. but liquids are able to be administered with success, ensuring accurate and effective	12/18/2019 4:12 PM

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medication administration). While we do not use compounded medications to reduce cost in general, we do use many compounded medications for a variety of reasons....and our clients will not be able to pay 300% more for these prescriptions.

257	Human doxycycline has become very expensive and doses for dogs are higher so this change would reduce compliance dramatically	12/18/2019 4:07 PM
258	Pets come in ALL SIZES, medications do not, and never will. I defy you to split a pill (let alone a capsule) into 8 equal sizes... with ANY accuracy!!	12/18/2019 3:53 PM
259	Making it extremely hard to prescribe medication for when a animal is in pain or sick that only needs to be on meds for a few days to 2 weeks and needs meds now. Dosing with a liquid or tiny tab is so much better for a pet owner and easier for the veterinarian to dose to the pets weight.	12/18/2019 3:44 PM
260	Some pet will become fractious when adminstering unflavored human medicine and increase danger to their owners.	12/18/2019 3:31 PM
261	I used to prescribe more compounded meds. Then the state cracked down on the law prohibiting dispensing from office stock. So I have worked around the issue by rarely prescribing compounded meds. This action negatively impacts my ability to provide necessary medications or prescriptions for my patients and negatively impacts the standard of care provided.	12/18/2019 3:30 PM
262	Our clients could not afford a 300% price increase in their medications, this would likely result in the euthanasia of animals which are otherwise difficult to medicate or for whom non-compounded medications are not available. Having flavorings available makes a huge difference in compliance.	12/18/2019 3:14 PM
263	I can't adequately communicate what a negative impact this ruling will have on our patients. The most immediate one is that CaEdta will no longer be available for our lead poisoned raptors, usually eagles. Of the prohibited formulations, there are several drugs which we often use that, were there a manufacturing shortage, undoubtedly we would lose patients. These include enrofloxacin, dexamethasone, dipyron, and itraconazole.	12/18/2019 3:05 PM
264	We have patients that will often not or should not take pills/capsules which makes human form drugs impractical. Limiting our ability to effectively treat our patients will have a severe negative impact on the quality of life of our nations pet population.	12/18/2019 3:01 PM
265	It is hard enough to obtain reasonably priced compounded medications from bulk drugs. Limiting production of most drugs from finished products would make treating many of my patients cost prohibitive and animals would needlessly be euthanized as a result.	12/18/2019 2:59 PM
266	My clients can't afford a 300% price increase. I cannot afford more stupid, useless, waste-of-time red tape when I could be spending time better treating patients and running my practice!!!! We need to make doing business EASIER for small businesses, not harder!!!	12/18/2019 2:58 PM
267	We use compounding every day, multiple times a day. The impact would be very big	12/18/2019 2:35 PM
268	Die or put down One has to evaluate what the whole goal of this proposed FDA guidance is. It is hard to believe that this is not an attempt of the large drug companies to further deepen their pocket books. There is already a huge mess in the human field were we as Americans pay more on medications than any other country. Unfortunately, price is a "MAJOR" driving force in veterinary medicine. People look for the cheaper products. The reality is that compounding pharmacies are more competitive than the larger drug companies which allows the pets to be treated vs neglected or put down. This is especially vital in cases where they are on long term medications such as heart medications.	12/18/2019 2:34 PM
269	The only discernible reason for these changes is to protect the profitability of pharmaceutical companies. It will in no promote or benefit the health and well being of my patients.	12/18/2019 2:15 PM
270	Why would any of these rules be reasonable? We have so much documentation now on our scripts, we certainly cannot expect our clients to pay an additional 300%, and to reduce the bulk ingredients to 7 is outrageous.	12/18/2019 2:11 PM
271	In large animal medicine, expensive medications are cost prohibitive. This could lead to animals not receiving the medications needed. In equine, flavored medications are less important than affordable pastes or powders. Example: 5g packet of doxycycline powder is better (apple flavored or not) than a client needing to grind 50 tablets prior to administration.	12/18/2019 2:07 PM

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272	This will effectively punish patients that have these medical needs for compounded medications. We, as a profession, have a responsibility to our patients to make sure they get the medical care they need.	12/18/2019 2:05 PM
273	Compounded doxy is the only way some equine clients can afford treatments for Tick diseases	12/18/2019 2:02 PM
274	Why do we order these compounded medications. Such as phenylbutazone because the Big pharmaceutical companies. will not produce a palatable product in a concentrated dose.	12/18/2019 2:02 PM
275	Not only would these proposals affect our clients and patients having access to medications in a form that they can easily give to their pets but it also will potentially increase the cost of those medications in a way that will make it completely inaccessible to a large number of clients. These proposals also create a workflow issue that will potentially cost a great deal to practice owners in time their team members are required to spend documenting their reasons for choosing a compounded product. All of the proposals will ultimately affect the care our patients are receiving and this is truly the most upsetting thing.	12/18/2019 2:00 PM
276	OMG what a total utter disaster this would be	12/18/2019 1:49 PM
277	While using other products and documenting would be cumbersome, these issues would probably not impact patient outcomes. Limiting the amount or access because of cost of certain medications would have dire consequences on patient outcomes.	12/18/2019 1:48 PM
278	Die or put down To not be able to get medications compounded is a dose and form that is appropriate to animals would cause some animals to go without important treatment and suffer. Some of these animals may die others may be euthanized. Cost is also a factor in the treatment of animals. If the cost is too high for the drugs they will be euthanized.	12/18/2019 1:47 PM
279	Die or put down Seriously?? Seven bulk drugs available for compounding? I guess I'll just have to resign myself to watching the pets of my lower income clients die when they can't afford (or can't get) their compounded medications!	12/18/2019 1:44 PM
280	We use compounded medications as part of our anesthetic and pain protocols. Typically we have 30 patients/day, 5 days a week.	12/18/2019 1:29 PM
281	If a patient will not take the pill or drug, it is not helping the patient. Adding more paperwork ties up veterinarians and teams even more than they already are.	12/18/2019 1:23 PM
282	why do they feel the need to change things....??? has compounding been that significant a problem?	12/18/2019 1:20 PM
283	Cost is a huge factor in terms of clients being able to treat patients with the appropriate medication. Compounded medications made from bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients are already costly compared to off-the-shelf medications. A significant price increase would leave such medications out of reach of all but wealthy clients.	12/18/2019 1:12 PM
284	Quite simply, there are numerous human drugs that have to be "downsized" for dosing dogs and cats. Cats aren't really great at taking large pills, and their owners frequently give up medicating them. But putting the drug in a transdermal gel, for example, means my clients can give the medication easily, and my patients get their meds when they should. This may well be the stupidest proposal ever made by the FDA. Please consider appointing someone there who doesn't have their ignorant Republican head up their ass!!	12/18/2019 1:11 PM
285	I feel these actions may result in the loss of more animals due to the economic effects on our clients.	12/18/2019 1:09 PM
286	These new and even more stupid restrictions have no logical rationale behind them other than to enrich someone who currently manufactures proprietary medications. If we had available proprietary medications, we would already use them. Pharmaceutical manufacturers will NEVER invest in producing many of the medications we have compounded because they won't make enough money on them. So, basically, the FDA is issuing a death sentence to many animals who use compounded medication.....and for no good reason.	12/18/2019 1:03 PM
287	I honestly do not understand what is the purpose of this guidance. What benefit is there to almost completely eliminating our ability to provide drug formulations that allow our clients and animals to administer and receive necessary medications in a means that is convenient, minimizes stress on everyone, and helps maintain the human-animal bond? In my opinion, this proposal is utterly asinine and inhumane.	12/18/2019 12:54 PM

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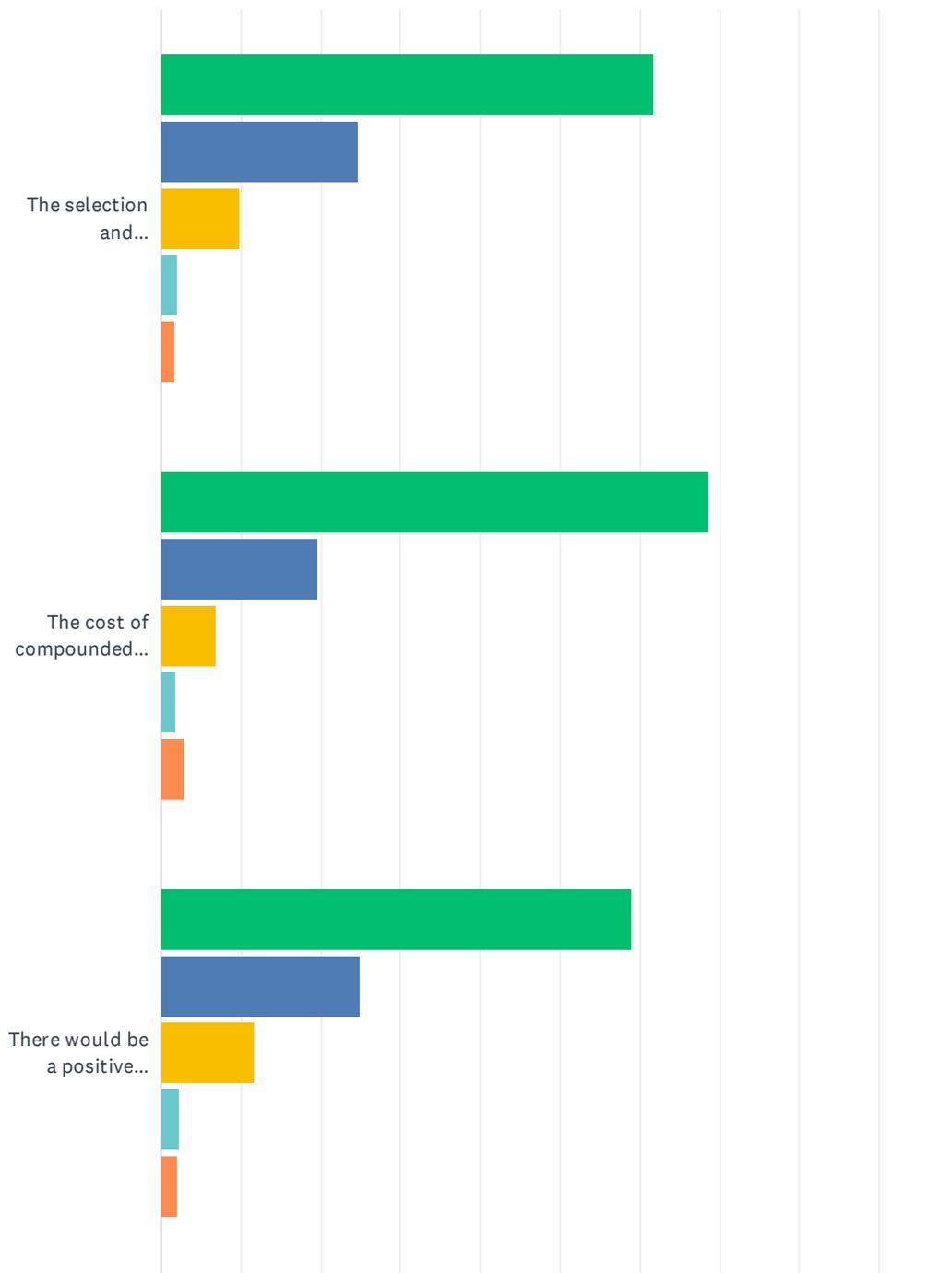
288	Medication prices do affect the ability of my clients to afford treatment	12/18/2019 12:50 PM
289	Many of the drugs on the list of 11 active ingredients are medications used in exotics (birds, rabbits, guinea pigs, etc) and MUST be compounded into suspensions - it would be impossible to use the human versions from both a dosage and practical standpoint.	12/18/2019 12:49 PM
290	Veterinary medicine needs the ability to flavor and compound medications in different forms for easier administrations. Once again, doctors should not be told how to take care of their patients by FDA. We always provide and offer the best medicine possible.	12/18/2019 12:49 PM
291	It would be naive not to bring finances into this discussion. Requiring us to use only the FDA approved products that are very close to the compounded products would increase the cost of medications beyond what my clients can afford. Therefore, my patients would not have access to the appropriate medications when a less expensive, bulk medication is available. This seems unethical. People do want the very best for their pets but many do not have health insurance for themselves let alone their pets.	12/18/2019 12:49 PM
292	These proposals would severely limit our ability to cater to very small or very large animals and ensure that owners are able to appropriately give the medications. Smaller tabs, flavored tabs and liquids are vital to making sure the pets get the medications.	12/18/2019 12:42 PM
293	Many owners would simply decline treatment if medication cost was significantly increased leading to unnecessary animal suffering.	12/18/2019 12:41 PM
294	I cannot believe that we are having to state these arguments again that we did several years ago. Drug manufacturer lobbyists must be very busy winning and dining congressmen and it makes me sick to my stomach	12/18/2019 12:32 PM
295	Die or put down Our patients will suffer and die from these proposals. Dogs and cats and birds are NOT small humans and they cannot take the sizes that are available to humans. Veterinary costs are increasing quickly and limiting owners access to life saving medications or increasing their costs on these drugs will lead to needless death.	12/18/2019 12:28 PM
296	If the compounders do not make the medications, we would likely need to do this ourselves to get the laboratory species to accept them. This could mean delays in getting medications to animals that need it, and incorrect dilutions.	12/18/2019 12:24 PM
297	It is vitally important for cats with the most common intestinal disorders to have access to enterically coated budesonide at the needed cat dose - especially cats with diabetes mellitus or heart disease, for whom other corticosteroids are contraindicated. It is very difficult to find these as it is. As far as adding paperwork goes, this will simply raise prices for vet clients needlessly, since we'll be having to waste time repeating over and over again why our choices are legitimate. It would be nothing more than a de facto monopolization of the larger pharmaceutical corporations, subsidized by consumers, with vets caught in between. These suggested changes have no legitimate benefits and would impose harmful, irrational limits on good veterinary medical practice, especially for cats.	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
298	These laws are UNNECESSARY!	12/18/2019 12:19 PM
299	Best ability to treat each patient individually and ensure best care for each pet with ease of use for owner to ensure medication can and will be administered at home properly	12/18/2019 12:17 PM
300	Documenting every prescription creates more work. We are not dealing with schedule drugs. Compounded medications are often less than mnaufactured medications. This has an impact on our clients, especially those with very sick animals who have already spent loads of money of treatment. The third question with the medication listed are medications that are widely used in the veterinary field. Prohibiting them from being compounded will have an impact on patients, especially with all the iotems that go on back order with no ETA for veterinary facilities. second question- see response for 3rd question. Price is an important factor for our clients and their pets.	12/18/2019 12:13 PM
301	Die or put down It will severely limit my ability to prescribe appropriate formulations and preparations for my patients. Many of my patients will die because they will not have access to the strengths and formulations of medications that they need to treat their medical conditions and most of my clients CAN NOT afford medications now let alone if medication costs increase by 300%.	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
302	As a shelter veterinarian, I use compounded drugs every day. It enables me to treat far more animals effectively because the amounts and dosages can be tailored to fit individual animals in	12/18/2019 12:10 PM

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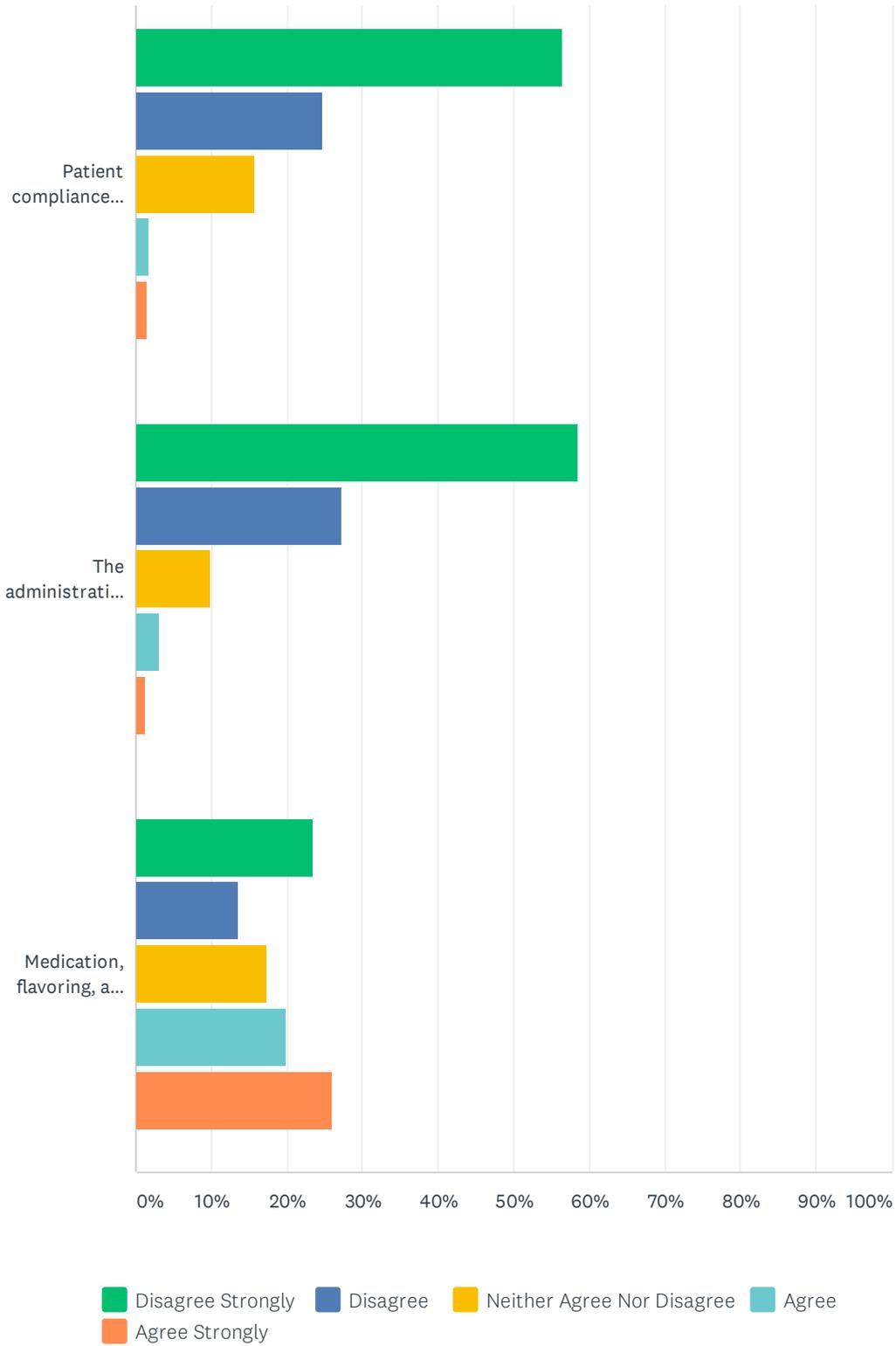
	a communal environment.	
303	Placing restrictions on how we practice medicine and the alternatives that we have to offer our patients would make everything harder. I would anticipate not being able to treat a larger number of patients due to higher costs or clients not being able to get the meds into their pets or. Or being able to find medications for their pets' size.	12/18/2019 12:10 PM
304	Making us jump through hoops to obtain compounded meds for our patients limits our ability to treat our patients.	12/18/2019 12:07 PM
305	More regulation, less trusting the practitioner, more cost and inconvenience to the client, less animals treated, more animal suffering, surrendering, overflowing shelters, more euthanasia! Enough is enough	12/18/2019 12:07 PM
306	This, again, hurts the pocketbooks of the owners of small pets and therefore hurts the small pet	12/18/2019 12:02 PM
307	We need to be able to call up pharmacies and prescribe the necessary medications to treat our patients. We also don't have the time to justify the need for every medication we need compounded for our patients.	12/18/2019 12:00 PM
308	These requirements are unduly burdensome and unnecessary. They will impact companion animal health in a significant negative manner.	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
309	this would dramatically affect our hospital and especially our oncology and IM services.	12/18/2019 11:57 AM
310	In a shelter situation being unable to have compounded doxycycline, or unable to afford to purchase it will have a severe negative impact on all the cats in our care.	12/18/2019 11:52 AM
311	Clearly these people have not tried to medicate at cat ...	12/18/2019 11:52 AM
312	None of the discounts pharmaceutical companies offer can be applied to animal patients	12/18/2019 11:52 AM
313	Cost is a major issue in veterinary medicine and if the costs increase, patients will not be able to get the medications they need. Drug dosages are also very difficult to calculate based on our small patient size, so compounding is a necessity for many drugs.	12/18/2019 11:51 AM

Q7 Today, compounding pharmacies are regulated by the individual states, with FDA oversight focused on how chemicals are stored and used. If the FDA were to have significantly greater authority over compounding pharmacies, what do you think would be the impact on your practice and patients? Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each of these statements. With increased FDA authority over compounding ...

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The selection and availability of compounded preparations would increase.	61.81% 1,133	24.71% 453	9.82% 180	2.02% 37	1.64% 30	1,833	4.43
The cost of compounded medications would decrease.	68.59% 1,260	19.76% 363	6.91% 127	1.85% 34	2.89% 53	1,837	4.49
There would be a positive impact on animals in my practice.	58.93% 1,082	24.95% 458	11.82% 217	2.29% 42	2.02% 37	1,836	4.36
Patient compliance would increase.	56.56% 1,039	24.61% 452	15.79% 290	1.69% 31	1.36% 25	1,837	4.33
The administrative burden on me and my staff would not change.	58.54% 1,076	27.20% 500	9.90% 182	3.10% 57	1.25% 23	1,838	4.39
Medication, flavoring, and dosage form would still be considered as vital factors in choosing compounded medications.	23.35% 427	13.50% 247	17.33% 317	19.96% 365	25.86% 473	1,829	2.89

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#	PLEASE FEEL FREE TO SAY MORE ABOUT YOUR RESPONSES.	DATE
1	The more regulations you add the less likely we would be to use that product and we would choose another, maybe not as effective, treatment option.	1/13/2020 11:01 AM
2	Lack of availability of medications we currently have compounded would cause veterinarians in our hospital to lose time and resources because they will have to research what other options are available to treat conditions where we currently use compounded medications. They will lose production because they are no longer efficient in their time. Increased regulation means we will have increased price, which means more animals will have their lives ended for financial reasons instead of medical reasons. We will see lower compliance and more at home dosage changes by owners trying to save money on their pet's chronic medications. This will in turn cause veterinarians to spend more time with these clients and patients in discussion about medications and proper use.	1/13/2020 10:12 AM
3	I do not think that having the FDA make a single set of rules is necessarily a bad thing, however, if they severely limit the medications and flavoring etc.. then that will cause extreme issues for my patients.	1/11/2020 7:52 AM
4	any over regulations beyond making sure basic health and safety issues are not needed	1/10/2020 12:04 PM
5	Based on the little I have read here about the proposed changes it just sounds like a great deal more beaurocracy for very little benefit for anyone but drug companies that already are being challenged on the decisions they are making. FDA keeps people safe. They keep Animals safe when they regulate what's important. This appears to me to be a push from drug companies to make more money, not to help animals or those of us who are underpaid and under appreciated to do their jobs better. Clients ALREADY think veterinary care is too costly. PLEASE do not make it worse. All the above listed things are Critical to optimal care and isn't that the point???????	1/10/2020 10:46 AM
6	Bigger government usually causes bigger problems	1/9/2020 2:56 PM
7	I didn't have a problem with the previous oversight. So, I don't wish the oversight to change.	1/9/2020 9:41 AM
8	A large percentage of our patients are on compounding drugs either because their weight necessitates a smaller concentration than is available commercially, or because they cannot be medicated easily and therefore need a different formulation such as flavored chews or liquids. a significant portion of my patients rely on these medications, which already expensive. Increasing the cost of compounded medications by 300% would be cost-prohibitive for many of my clients. By making it more difficult to obtain compounded formulations of most drugs and decreasing availability to only 7, would prevent us from being able to properly treat many of our patients who cannot be medicated otherwise by their owners.	1/9/2020 9:33 AM
9	What we are doing now is WORKING. Compounded medications are curing animals. I think we have enough oversight now.	1/8/2020 6:12 PM
10	government regulation ruins everything president trump has been trying to get government out of the way to make the economy thrive why would he want to hurt vets and their animals get lara trump in on this she is a big advocate of the animals	1/8/2020 5:51 PM
11	Typical excessive government involvement with limited knowledge of the issues.	1/8/2020 4:03 PM
12	The proposed regulation will have a severe detrimental effect on my practice and my patients. Having alternative doses, forms and flavorings are extremely important for the ability to adequately medicate our veterinary patients.	1/8/2020 3:05 PM
13	One of the greatest hindrances to providing appropriate care that I face as an ER veterinarian is cost. I fear that the anticipated 300% increase in cost of compounded medications (in addition to added time for owners to obtain these medications), would negative affect owner compliance and therefore patient outcome.	1/8/2020 1:38 PM
14	This was a confusing section on this survey!	1/7/2020 10:44 PM
15	Compounded medication is easier for clients but if price is increased it will cut down on the amount of clients willing to use them for convenience. My clients are will to pay a slight increase to have this convenience but if price gose up they will go back to pill we have had to cut to give the medication, if that medication is hard to give to the pet most people will not complete the script of medication.	1/7/2020 12:21 PM

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16	The FDA is NOT the best authority	1/7/2020 12:00 PM
17	The Federal government has no idea what we veterinarians need to practice the best medicine possible	1/7/2020 11:19 AM
18	With further oversight, I worry about implications with increased pricing, availability of a wide variety of medications and dosing options. I also worry that the FDA would not consider as strongly the need for different flavor and dosing options when approving drugs for compounding.	1/6/2020 10:47 AM
19	Lawmakers don't understand what we "vets" do and how we prescribe medications unless they have owned a pet that refused whatever is on the market and then had to turn to compounding. I think that if the FDA tries to control how we practice then more animals will suffer because we will have a lack of options via flavor, route of administration, concentration, and length of treatment.	1/5/2020 3:55 PM
20	FDA regulation might standardize the process throughout the states, but would likely come with increased limitations (that don't necessarily make sense for small animals), increased paperwork (burdening small one doctor, one tech practices like my own...and other clinics as well) and increased cost to the consumer (thereby making it so that some animals do not get treated). - Dr. Wolf	1/5/2020 7:12 AM
21	I have mixed feelings about compounded meds. It is well documented that some meds are not what they claim to be and in some cases have caused death. Most of the professional organizations like AVMA and AAEP advise against their use and I understand why. There is one medication I use frequently because of its powdered form and flavoring. Compounding can be vital when a FDA/NADA drug is not available at all and that has happened often in my career (example atropine eye ointment). Personally I wish I could find someone to compound Dipyrone—it is a GREAT antispasmodic for certain colics in horses. I would love to have febantel dewormer again too) I know some vets are getting some common meds compounded for price only and also touting compounded meds as being just as good as the FDA form (PSAGs, omeprazole, Pergolide, etc)	1/3/2020 4:06 PM
22	FDA, or government interference in the private market is always a disaster. It will stifle all the natural tendencies of the capitalist market to produce the best products at the lowest cost.	1/3/2020 1:48 PM
23	More fda regulations will greatly reduce our ability to practice quality medicine.	1/3/2020 11:28 AM
24	Having the government, FDA included, take a larger and more active role in one's business is usually unfavorable. Ensuring compounding pharmacies meet quality control guidelines is one thing but having a say in which drugs could be compounded, in what formulations, and from what sources would not be desirable.	1/3/2020 10:11 AM
25	I have patients so tiny or so large that the regular available dose if human medications is impossible to use safely or effectively. There are also many patients that need a liquid when there is none available or the liquid version contains toxins to the species I treat. Do not limit my ability to treat my patients with the quality of care they deserve!	1/3/2020 9:43 AM
26	The state should mandate compounding regulations	1/3/2020 9:10 AM
27	Die or Put Down Please see notes on previous questions. The point of compounding is to have a drug in a form, concentration, and viable form of administration, that includes palatability, but also ph, etc, depending on route of administration. That doesn't change in importance. But it obviously would change in accessibility and affordability and time to delivery of the drug. In many cases the needed drug would become unavailable, unaffordable, and too late in coming for a patient, and they would die. Compounding is needed because the drug needed is NOT available or affordable in the needed form and concentration. Don't limit veterinary medicine. Government is mandated to improve citizens lives, in this case to improve veterinary medicine. Nothing in the proposed guidance improves veterinary medicine. All of it will limit the drugs necessary to successfully treat patients. Remember, human medicine treats only two classes of a single species: Adult and pediatric, and they "adjust" for the elderly. Veterinary medicine treats for mammals, birds, reptiles, fish, even insecta/arthropoda; and within each of these classes for various species, and within each species various ages; and for the traditional species for various functions/uses. We need compounding! Please don't limit us. How would you like to go to your human doctor, and have the doctor tell you the following? "We know what the problem is, and we know what drug could give you a good chance of survival, but we can't get that drug; it's common, but we can't give it to you. We know what dose and what form would work best, but we can't give it to you. We can't do anything for you because what	1/3/2020 1:58 AM

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you need is not manufactured and we can't compound it. Or it would cost more than our clinic can afford to compound the drug you need to survive, and even more than you can possibly pay; even though it's a common drug and was available only last year. Sorry, the government decided you should die, so a pharmaceutical company could claim another exclusive option that it might never use and probably won't use because there's not enough profit in it. But they convinced the government that they need the option just in case someday they decide there is profit in it..." Isn't this administration supposed to be all for fast-tracking because it can save lives... If they care about saving lives, they should totally re-think the proposed guidance, especially re-think the motivation behind the guidance.

28	I really do not know if FDA oversight would improve or make worse the current situation	1/2/2020 8:55 PM
29	If these changes are approved my patients will directly suffer. I personally would be affected by the added stress of making sure I am doing the right things for my patients. It would make it more difficult. Patient compliance would be significantly affected and some patients would be euthanized due to this.	1/2/2020 6:13 PM
30	I am not entirely sure how FDA oversight would change things. I think it would be good but not if regulates became too strict or less options were available.	1/2/2020 6:04 PM
31	With the wide range of species that we care for, along with the wide range of body types and weights, it is imperative that we have access to compounded medications to ensure that we can accurately dose medications. Furthermore, animals are difficult to administer medications to. Compounded delivery methods make this easier for the animal to receive medications that are needed. The 3rd statement is confusing	1/2/2020 4:54 PM
32	The FDA does not care about veterinarians at all if they are trying to limit how we can practice. The FDA taking control over veterinary compounding would DESTROY this profession. Everything the government touches gets screwed up.	1/2/2020 4:03 PM
33	See previous answer	1/2/2020 2:51 PM
34	Compounding options for nearly every drug is something that should be readily available to veterinarians in order to successfully treat patients. Taking these options away or instituting laws that dramatically increases costs of compounded drugs is ultimately going to result in causing harm and even death to many animals. Please, just don't.	1/2/2020 2:33 PM
35	The FDA cannot tell us how to practice medicine and treat our patients. There is a reason we go to school and pass boards exams in order to provide our patients with the highest quality of care.	1/2/2020 2:14 PM
36	Due to special needs of each individual species and their varying sizes we really need easy unrestricted access to a variety of compounded medications. The restriction proposed would make it very difficult to treat many of the patients.	1/2/2020 1:48 PM
37	Veterinarian patients are NOT small humans. We must be able to get medications into our patients and spend countless hours figuring out how to achieve this. Access to compounded medications at an affordable cost is vital to providing good care.	1/2/2020 1:40 PM
38	While I understand the need in certain situations, I do not see the need for this added regulation in this scenario. Unfortunately, when more agencies get involved and more rules that are imposed, I've more often seen a negative impact on day to day practice than anything beneficial, and I suspect it would be the same in this case.	1/2/2020 1:34 PM
39	Veterinarians and pharmacist and their professional business practices are regulated sufficiently by our state board. The FDA sufficiently monitors drug efficacy and purity. Another layer of federal oversight combining these two functions is not, in my opinion, required and might restrict efficient delivery of care to the patients we are responsible for.	1/2/2020 1:27 PM
40	The impact of increased FDA authority over compounding on my practice would be entirely dependent on the changes made by the FDA using that authority. My decision making would still be based upon what is medically most appropriate for my patients.	1/2/2020 1:20 PM
41	The proposed changes would make it incredibly difficult for us treat our patients quickly and appropriately and would cause harm to animal patients around the world.	1/2/2020 12:30 PM
42	Anytime the federal authority tries to regulate anything it costs more and takes more time and paperwork	1/2/2020 12:13 PM

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43	if compounded products are unavailable pet owners reach out to the internet and ex-US sources which can have devastating consequences	1/2/2020 11:44 AM
44	FDA oversight of drugs is important, but it is also very important to consider the unintended consequences of FDA oversight and not over-regulate. Change in compounding regulations would have far more negative impact than positive impact and the negative impact would likely result in morbidity and mortality that could have been prevented. The regulations under consideration appear to be more of an effort to support drug company control of pharmaceuticals than to ensure or improve the health and welfare of animals or to enhance proper use and stewardship of medications.	1/2/2020 11:28 AM
45	This would substantially increase risks to my patients.	12/30/2019 3:41 PM
46	undemocratic for this republic	12/30/2019 7:50 AM
47	The reason we compound medications is either due to limited strengths on commercially available products or a pet will not tolerate the form available. Compounding offers different routes of administration a pet owner can try including a variety of flavors that are more readily consumed by pets.	12/29/2019 9:49 PM
48	The reason we use compounding in a lot of situations is to improve patient compliance by improving palatability by altering flavoring or making dosing more convenient. With increased oversight cost of compounding will go up and that will have a negative impact on affordability which will decrease patient compliance. Animals will suffer.	12/29/2019 9:08 PM
49	Without the compounded medications we use, client compliance will decrease significantly. Many time we are compounding medications to more easily give them to fractious animals.	12/29/2019 6:22 AM
50	FDA would bring a more level field to regulation differences between states but they also tend to be over burdensome and that would not be for the better.	12/28/2019 1:53 PM
51	increasing the FDA involvement suggests beurocratic policy having negative impact in general One would HOPE that the FDA could increase the safety of the products available- and help animals by allowing safe access to meds in need.	12/28/2019 1:51 PM
52	I don't feel like increased oversight by the FDA would have any benefit to compounded medications we use. If a system isn't broken, why are they trying to "fix" it?? As long as the facility making the medications is inspected regularly and does quality control testing, both of which can and should be overseen by the FDA, adding more restrictions does nothing to improve the system.	12/28/2019 12:53 PM
53	Die or Put Down with regulations such as these, more patients WILL die as clients will not absorb additional cost, fewer choices, and more difficult to impossible choices for their pets. Pet refusal contributes greatly to treatment failure. If we don't have tasty and practical choices for our species, then our species will be adversely impacted by the proposed legislation. I will not practice under these circumstances, nor will our clinic.	12/28/2019 11:22 AM
54	Over reaching large government ALWAYS leads to decreased options and increased expense to the individual end user. Just look at what the (so-called) Affordable Care Act did to the insurance industry.	12/28/2019 6:23 AM
55	I don't see any positive outcomes from the FDA imposing stricter regulation on compounded drugs used by veterinarians. I also don't understand why they feel they should regulate these medications more.	12/27/2019 6:06 PM
56		12/27/2019 8:32 AM
57	Clinicians and pharmacists Work hand in hand to find individual solutions to a particular pets issues and idiosyncrasies. Such as a food allergy, refusal to eat or take a certain medication or side effects such as nausea or skin reaction. Would I be able to call the FDA and discuss an individual case with them, get ideas and formulate an individual plan for a patient? That is currently how vets work together with the compounding pharmacists so solve a particular pet's medical problems. This is vital to our ability to help treat and cure diseases in our pet population.	12/26/2019 5:19 PM
58	This seems like the states should be able to decide what fits their clients.	12/26/2019 4:11 PM
59	Anytime government gets involved in business is disastrous. WASTE, WASTE, WASTE of taxpayer money to cause inconvenience to pet owners, and misery to veterinarians	12/26/2019 1:56 PM

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60	People need access to all kinds of medications and delivery methods such as transdermal medication, flavors and concentration of drugs which vary species to species. As veterinarians, we treat all species of non human animals. We need choices.	12/26/2019 1:14 PM
61	Animals are much smaller than humans and require much smaller doses than the average human, even the average child. Pets can be difficult, and sometimes impossible, for owners to medicate and therefore require flavored medications in liquid or chewable form. If these compounded medications were not available, these pets may not get lifesaving medications. These pets include lifesaving working police/government dogs, legitimate pets that are trained to assist the disabled, pets that are trained to assist veterans with PTSD, not to mention the average household pet. Please think about the impact this will have on all of these animals, and the humans who depend on them and whose lives they enrich.	12/26/2019 11:31 AM
62	I feel compounded medication is necessary to fit the needs of our diverse patient population	12/26/2019 11:11 AM
63	Patient compliance would decrease and owners may be forced to make sad decisions.	12/26/2019 11:03 AM
64	This question does not seem to be one in which we have the ability to answer at all. I feel like I am just guessing	12/25/2019 11:14 AM
65	We completely disagree with all of these. I'm glad they stepped in with controlled substances, but this type of "monitoring" is completely irrational	12/24/2019 7:24 PM
66	This is a ridiculous strategy and will negatively impact veterinary medicine as a whole and patient care	12/24/2019 11:39 AM
67	The FDA needs to be involved in regulating the pet FOOD industry, not compounding pharmaceuticals. If the FDA were to get involved it would not have a positive impact on the veterinary world, it would have a VERY negative impact. As I have said in previous responses, we rely heavily on the options made available by compounding pharmacies, not only in the different possible options of administration but the flavors as well that make for easier administration to our most difficult patients.	12/24/2019 9:04 AM
68	Increasing costs, administrative burden, and decreased availability and selection mean fewer pets get medications they need.	12/24/2019 7:14 AM
69	The number of pharmacies would decrease and the availability of drugs would go down. Meeting the increased burdens of regulatory compliance would drive costs up. Client compliance would go down due to increased costs and reduced availability. Regulation of compounding pharmacies has been sufficient and few--very few-- errors are made compared to those made by the rest of the pharmaceutical industry, so leave them alone and let the compounding pharmacies, and veterinarians do our jobs!!!	12/23/2019 7:06 PM
70	Yet another reason why the drive for a smaller government should be kicked into overdrive.	12/23/2019 7:03 PM
71	This is a really stupid idea	12/23/2019 7:03 PM
72	I do not understand how more regulation would help to keep the cost of compounding medication for animals down.	12/23/2019 3:56 PM
73	More regulation would decrease our options and likely increase pricing for clients. Would NOT be beneficial at all. Definitely would negatively affect our pharmacy options	12/23/2019 3:09 PM
74	Flavored medication is a big plus with having the choice of compounded medications. It increases accurate dosing and better compliance. It also decreases errors and time with staff having to compound medications.	12/23/2019 12:23 PM
75	I'm not sure how to answer the first question — the need for compounding would not change even if the FDA has oversight. The fact is, there is an inherent need for drug compounding in veterinary medicine, and there always will be. Unless MANY, MANY more products with various formulations are added to the human market (unlikely), then the need for different formulations will still need to be met by compounding pharmacies!	12/23/2019 10:54 AM
76	It sounds like with the increased FDA authority over compounding that cost would increase greatly and the ability to access many medications, as well as in many different flavors and forms would decrease greatly. These are all negative outcomes.	12/23/2019 9:43 AM
77	I suspect that with all the added FDA oversight and limiting the scope of work that compounding pharmacies do that we would see a decline in those types of businesses effectively hurting our unemployment rate, GDP, local economies, and more. Those that survive will charge a lot more	12/23/2019 9:37 AM

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for their products to not only handle the decrease in business but to also cope with the added oversight they need to adhere to internally (more administration time). Patients in the end suffer. The patients are our beloved dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, ferrets, horses, and more. Would you want your pet to not receive the medical care that you are proposing? Would you want to have to watch your pet suffer with something that is treatable yet your veterinarian can't get the right dosage or delivery system or flavor that will work for your pet? Would you want your kids to watch their pet suffer? The veterinary community needs you, the law makers, to stop and think about the ramifications of this proposal. It is a big deal to cut off an appropriate and necessary lifeline of medications simply because they are compounded and in some instances, circumvent the big pharma companies. We are supposed to have freedom of choice. This proposal is not freedom. Please, stop and think about this and do not allow this proposal to become law.

78	I wish instead of doing this, they'd pay more attention to dog and cat food! That is where there are actual problems, lack of oversight and detrimental problems to my patients- GRAIN FREE DIETS, RECALLS FOR CONTAMINATED INGREDIENTS, etc. Or pay attention to human pharmacies that keep messing up the pet prescriptions I call in. I feel like the FDA has zero clue about veterinary medicine right now and instead of actually talking with veterinarians to understand where they would have the best effect- they are following the whining of big pharmaceutical companies. I am massively disappointed in the FDA over this.	12/23/2019 9:30 AM
79	I do not know exactly what the effect on our practice would be.	12/23/2019 9:24 AM
80	The proposals made by the FDA would worsen the quality of care for dog and cat patients, increase the hospital's workload for no real reason, increase the end cost to the client and they are already paying a premium for the compounded meds; and would decrease availability of meds to pets and pet owners.	12/22/2019 8:46 PM
81	FDA involvement at this point is incredibly destructive. Perhaps under a new administration cool heads will prevail. The FDA is clearly protecting big pharmaceutical companies, and has no desire to do what would be helpful for patients.	12/22/2019 12:12 PM
82	As it is the FDA hasn't stopped pet stores, on-line sales of prescription drugs, how does it think it can handle anything more? A good example, I had a client tell me she didn't want the doxycycline to treat her dog because she could get it so much cheaper at the pet store, she just had to look under ornamental fish drugs!	12/22/2019 8:35 AM
83	It is critical to have access to compounded drugs. And two of the proposed no list budesonide, and amlodipine are staple in feline medicine.	12/22/2019 3:02 AM
84	I should still be able to have them formulated and flavored But (for all but the 7) they will need to be made from products already available commercially, is that correct? I can't foresee all the effects this will have on what will be available to me, but I suspect its going to be quite a bit more expensive	12/21/2019 10:01 PM
85	Gees the bottom line is WHY DO THEY WANT TO make more trouble for us and our clients? Find something else for them to do or cut staff so the remainder are too busy to bother us with more cumbersome regulations.	12/21/2019 4:19 PM
86	I feel the state regulation we currently have is more than adequate (Oregon) and additional FDA regulation seems redundant. There may be other states that lack this oversight and need it though.	12/21/2019 12:24 PM
87	It would limit the animals receiving care, quality of life for the animals and owners. If less substances are available- less chance for treatment for these helpless animals.	12/21/2019 12:01 PM
88	Oversight in the quality of manufacturing these compounds is needed however the FDA isn't a leader in science rather they are part of the process in the delivery of what science produces. Their place in the system should not be overlooked.	12/21/2019 11:50 AM
89	The FDA would muddy the waters like they do with everything. If they did it right, it would lead to the same rules for every state, but what they propose is absurd. They have no veterinary experience in real life veterinary medicine and therefore should not be telling veterinarians how to practice medicine.	12/21/2019 10:12 AM
90	FDA authority would only add to confusion and add layers of bureaucracy which will likely increase costs and headaches for all involved.	12/21/2019 9:44 AM
91	Our government can't run a damn lemonade stand...much less make these decisions...I'd be	12/21/2019 8:54 AM

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happy to site many failures, but you already know them.

92	Not sure I completely understood this portion. In general I feel that the FDA involvement does not need to increase . It will likely complicate a system that is already complicated enough !	12/21/2019 7:26 AM
93	NOTHING taken over by big government improves. Keep them away from this.	12/21/2019 7:13 AM
94	If the FDA severely limits availability of compounded medications to veterinarians, prices to our clients will increase and treatment options will decrease. This will result in larger numbers of euthanasias.	12/21/2019 5:54 AM
95	No good can come from more regulation of a process that already works well for veterinarians.	12/21/2019 5:13 AM
96	More regulation never made anyone's life easier	12/20/2019 10:57 PM
97	Please leave compounded meds alone!!	12/20/2019 10:12 PM
98	The thought of the additional paperwork and cost increases proposed is quite frightening.	12/20/2019 9:38 PM
99	I find it hard to believe that anytime the government gets more involved in things that prices would go down or anything will get easier. I need the freedom to prescribe what is needed when it is needed. I am not using controlled substances this way, just using to get correctly sized doses for my patients.	12/20/2019 9:13 PM
100	If the FDA has more direct authority, everything would take much longer to be approved as there would be much more red tape and delays. Compounding pharmacies hands would be tied and getting vital medications in a form and dosage necessary for my patients might become impossible or cost prohibitive. More veterinarians might have to resort to compounding at their own clinics just to save their patients. It would be difficult to get accurate doses of some medications which is why veterinarians use compounding pharmacies.	12/20/2019 8:43 PM
101	I can certainly understand the conundrum faced by the FDA in wanting to ensure safety and efficacy in compounding pharmaceuticals. I do NOT however believe that the need for these should supercede the ability of veterinarians and pharmacists to provide standard of care to their patients. There must be some middle ground that can meet the needs of veterinarians/pharmacists/clients without regulating the compounding industry out of existence.	12/20/2019 8:35 PM
102	I'm not sure how to answer the second question	12/20/2019 8:32 PM
103	Less government is always better. More rules just restricts the whole concept of living in the United States.	12/20/2019 7:19 PM
104	Die or Put Down Based on what we have seen in the past, this would impact veterinary medicine terribly. Expect animals to suffer and die unnecessarily because of these actions.	12/20/2019 7:00 PM
105	In shelter medicine, cost is a major factor in determining which medication to use along with availability of dosage forms.	12/20/2019 6:34 PM
106	By not having many of these compounded drugs available, many many many animals will go without medications that they need. The price already makes it hard, if more expensive, my clients would not be able to use these drugs and their pets would suffer.	12/20/2019 11:43 AM
107	FDA involvement would not improve our Compounding regulations. State level legislation has so far done an excellent job in maintaining quality medications in our state.	12/20/2019 11:25 AM
108	Compounding mendicants is a vital source that the veterinary practices need. Please allow compounding to continue so the veterinarians can so to us to treat and save animals	12/20/2019 12:34 AM
109	Unsure of the last question.. but if the decreased ability to choose flavoring, medication or dosing were limited.. it would have a significant negative impact on choices to help patients.	12/19/2019 7:45 PM
110	It would be all around horrible.	12/19/2019 4:16 PM
111	The wording of this question is a bit confusing so let me tell you what I mean to say. An increase in FDA authority over compounding would negatively impact my practice, increase the burden on my staff, and would result in higher prices and fewer available options. While all of this is true in my opinion, the type of medication, flavoring, and dosage form would still be a very important and positive consideration for my patients.	12/19/2019 3:20 PM
112	Patient safety would diminish-Strongly agree	12/19/2019 12:01 PM

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113	I'm not sure how I can answer any of these questions when I don't know what the FDA would implement as rules/regulations?	12/19/2019 11:57 AM
114	If the FDA wants to act in the interest of Veterinary medicine - then help provide reasonable and consistent drug availability in this country. Support the good work that compounding pharmacies do to aid in owner/pt compliance and ease of administration.	12/19/2019 10:39 AM
115	The administrative burden on me and my staff would significantly increase.	12/19/2019 9:16 AM
116	we need to use very small doses so compounding is vital	12/19/2019 8:11 AM
117	This would be very problematic for our clinic and our patients.	12/19/2019 7:23 AM
118	Compliance would definitely decrease. The reason that we're compounding medications most of the time is because the route that we can give or the way to give the approved medications is not feasible or convenient for the owners. Examples being counting out 50 to 100 tablets of something for a horse and soaking them so that they dissolve or giving a trans dermal medication to a cat that you can't give oral medications to. The implications are ridiculous if this goes through	12/19/2019 7:15 AM
119	I don't have a problem with FDA oversight regarding compounding and the purity of bulk products. I do think that cost is a huge issue with our clients and it is extremely important we can still obtain medications that are safe, effective, available in specific doses, and cost-effective.	12/19/2019 12:15 AM
120	This would have a negative impact without a doubt on pet health in our practice.	12/18/2019 11:49 PM
121	Most of the compounded drugs we use are made by a few centralized companies	12/18/2019 10:44 PM
122	There should be an option that says Disagree Extremely Strong	12/18/2019 9:49 PM
123	It every industry can be controlled by one law. Not every species. Ex- food animal vs pets	12/18/2019 9:01 PM
124	Let vets practice what they were trained to do, diagnose and treat multiple species of varying ages and sizes with utmost care and concern for wellbeing and preserving public trust and one health.	12/18/2019 8:35 PM
125	Most small animal hospitals are small businesses. Any time there is increased regulatory mandates, our expenses increase. Pet owners are very cost conscious. Pet ownership is in reality, a luxury which if it becomes too expensive, may not be sustainable. The end result of rising care cost for pets is that many pets will not be cared for or will be euthanized for lack of resources to care for them. If there are not convenient ways for owner to medicate their pets, pets will not get medicated and will suffer. Most veterinarians and their staff members are in the profession to care for animals, not to make a lot of money. Many pharmaceutical companies are only interested in their bottom line, and they see these compounding pharmacies as taking a tiny drop from their very large buckets and are trying to legislate a stop to that tiny leak. At the same time these companies don't want to give us an affordable alternative to the compounding pharmacies to fill the specialized needs of our patients.	12/18/2019 8:30 PM
126	I feel that if the FDA had increasing authority, bureaucracy would increase cost and decrease choices	12/18/2019 8:23 PM
127	Unsure about what FDA oversight would mean for us.	12/18/2019 6:19 PM
128	anytime the FDA gets involved, prices go up, quantity diminishes and quality suffers.	12/18/2019 5:55 PM
129	I don't know enough about it to either agree or disagree with/predict the answer to several of these.	12/18/2019 5:37 PM
130	Please note that veterinarians use compounded medications very different than human doctors. In veterinary medicine many more medications are used off-label as it is *impossible* to perform wide-scale pharmacological studies in animals as they do in humans to test safety and efficacy of medications (nor is there funding for such studies). I actually support an initiative for greater regulation in *human* compounding pharmacies as their function is very different from veterinary pharmacies.	12/18/2019 5:36 PM
131	Every change in legislation from the state or federal level is limited the availability of compounded medications. I can not perceive important with more regulation.	12/18/2019 5:10 PM
132	I am unsure how out of state pharmacies are regulated by the state. I do not know which	12/18/2019 5:04 PM

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system is more insulated from lobbying corruption. Both state and federal regulators have historically proven out of touch and made bad decisions that affected client safety (they have to give the medication and sometimes face adverse medical outcomes (ER visits) during the attempt.

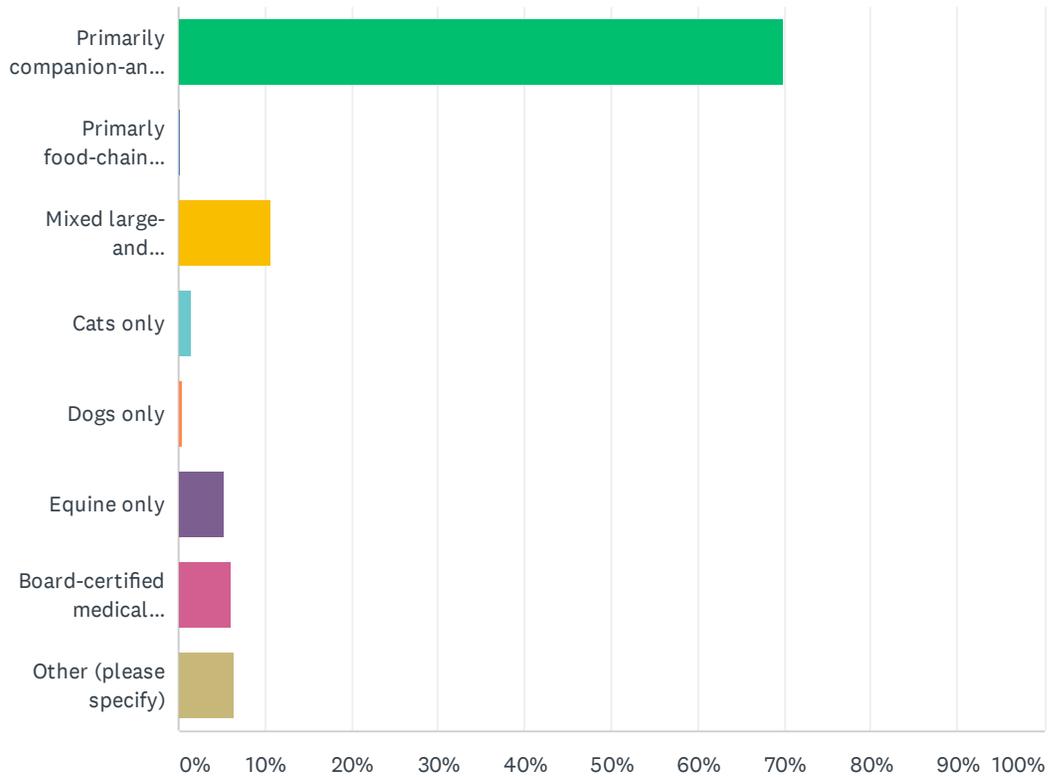
133	This would make things significantly more difficult for treating animals with chronic diseases that are difficult to medicate, and may lead to needless euthanasias in animals that could otherwise be treated for chronic diseases.	12/18/2019 4:50 PM
134	I don't really understand how I would even know the answers to this.	12/18/2019 4:33 PM
135	Putting anything in the hands of this particular regulatory agency would be a disaster for the practice of medicine. We would not be practicing medicine, FDA would be	12/18/2019 4:21 PM
136	Sorry, not sure I understand the question	12/18/2019 4:12 PM
137	This will make it more expensive and harder to treat our patients!	12/18/2019 3:49 PM
138	Compounding is vital to vet med as we do not have the luxury that human medical doctors have in regards to being able to reason with our patient to take a medication by mouth that is not palatable. Owner needs to be able to conveniently administer medications. Patients are needlessly euthanized for reasons such as not being able to medicate for a condition or disease and the costs associated with medications.	12/18/2019 3:42 PM
139	The FDA doesn't make anything more efficient, more affordable, or increase positive outcomes.	12/18/2019 3:15 PM
140	The limitation on ingredients make it highly unlikely that the above statements will be true.	12/18/2019 3:07 PM
141	I think this all largely depends on how the FDA structures its regulations. If they are extremely strict, it could have a huge negative impact; if they are similar to my state's current regulations, I don't see this being a problem.	12/18/2019 3:06 PM
142	Unless they are consulting with veterinarians specifically, I doubt that lawmakers would have much concept about what goes on in a hospital on a daily basis or why there is such a lack of veterinary specific options for us to choose from.	12/18/2019 3:04 PM
143	Bigger government is NEVER the answer!!!!	12/18/2019 2:59 PM
144	Price is prohibitive for our clients in treating their pet. This could mean the difference between life or death for our patients!	12/18/2019 2:27 PM
145	For the care of our patients, and of all veterinary patients, we must stand up for their rights to have the prescribed compounded medications they NEED.	12/18/2019 2:07 PM
146	I have no problem with FDA oversight, as states can be alarmingly inconsistent regulators and aren't necessarily properly informed as to pharmaceutical-specific issues. What concerns me is the prospect of the FDA limiting use of bulk chemical ingredients to a handful and requiring use of prepared human formulations for compounding of most drugs.	12/18/2019 1:15 PM
147	As stated on the previous page.	12/18/2019 1:12 PM
148	The FDA does not understand the detailed medical need for compounded preparations within the veterinary industry.	12/18/2019 1:11 PM
149	The FDA only complicates matters. My state is somewhat idiotic as well. I can't imagine anything where federal regulation would actually make things better.	12/18/2019 1:04 PM
150	More regulation = more problems in getting the proper dosed medications in a timely fashion	12/18/2019 1:03 PM
151	I was not quite sure how to answer these questions as I did not understand if 'increased FDA authority over compounding' was referring to the previously mentioned proposed guidance or just a generalized increased authority, in which case I really do not know what the impact would be.	12/18/2019 12:55 PM
152	More layers of government oversight usually has a negative impact on consumer and businesses due to increased costs, less availability and more administrative cost and time.	12/18/2019 12:54 PM
153	FDA authority should not take precedence over a Doctor's medical degree in order to care for the patients.	12/18/2019 12:50 PM
154	You clearly have not spent time in a veterinary practice nor have committee members who have	12/18/2019 12:34 PM

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155	Can there be a requirement for national pharmacies- those that can sell to multiple states to become 503B scheduled pharmacies? Wouldn't this improve safety and efficacy?	12/18/2019 12:30 PM
156	This is an animal welfare issue. Reduced availability of compounded medications will result in increased animal pain and suffering as a result of a reduction in treatment options that can achieve a high level of compliance.	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
157	They should repeal the laws that are so restrictive not add more!!	12/18/2019 12:21 PM
158	I just don't trust the FDA to make things easier for me. It seems like they just want to over regulate what is working. "If it ain't broken, don't fix it!"	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
159	The FDA should limit its oversight to ensuring that compounding pharmacies are preparing products properly. The FDA should not interfere in the responsibility of the practitioner to do what is best for their patient.	12/18/2019 12:00 PM
160	Would cause office to have to do more work and recording	12/18/2019 11:49 AM

Q8 Which of these most accurately describes the nature of your practice?

Answered: 1,826 Skipped: 213



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Primarily companion-animal	69.82%	1,275
Primarily food-chain animals	0.11%	2
Mixed large- and small-animal	10.57%	193
Cats only	1.48%	27
Dogs only	0.38%	7
Equine only	5.20%	95
Board-certified medical specialty	6.02%	110
Other (please specify)	6.41%	117
TOTAL		1,826

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#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	reptiles	1/14/2020 9:57 AM
2	avians and pocket pets (hamster, rabbit, chinchilla, guinea pig, ferret)	1/13/2020 12:47 PM
3	Dog and Cat Only	1/13/2020 11:20 AM
4	EMERGENCY Small Animal	1/13/2020 10:33 AM
5	Large animal, split almost evenly between equine, camelids and minor use food animal species	1/13/2020 9:10 AM
6	some exotics	1/11/2020 7:53 AM
7	Emergency and Referral	1/10/2020 7:47 AM
8	+ 24/7 emergency	1/9/2020 2:55 PM
9	Dogs, Cats & Exotic pets	1/9/2020 10:28 AM
10	Dogs and Cats	1/8/2020 10:07 PM
11	dogs cats birds small mammals reptiles	1/8/2020 5:54 PM
12	some exotic (pocket pets, reptile)	1/8/2020 3:06 PM
13	No Kill Animal Shelter	1/8/2020 3:04 PM
14	Zoo	1/8/2020 2:26 PM
15	Animal Emergency and Specialty Hospital	1/8/2020 1:54 PM
16	Emergency/specialty hospital	1/8/2020 1:39 PM
17	Neurology	1/8/2020 10:42 AM
18	And emergency	1/7/2020 10:48 PM
19	HVHQSN and shelter/rescue	1/7/2020 6:56 PM
20	With some small ruminant	1/7/2020 10:55 AM
21	Laboratory animal	1/6/2020 6:28 AM
22	Research Animals	1/5/2020 8:07 PM
23	Zoological Garden	1/5/2020 3:00 PM
24	some exotic animals are also seen	1/4/2020 7:30 PM
25	Small companion	1/4/2020 6:36 AM
26	Cats/dogs	1/3/2020 9:49 PM
27	Emergency medicine	1/3/2020 7:15 PM
28	Research	1/3/2020 12:16 PM
29	Animal Shelter - No kill/Not for profit	1/3/2020 11:40 AM
30	Some large animal vetting done also	1/3/2020 10:41 AM
31	Small animal only	1/3/2020 10:08 AM
32	Dogs and Cats	1/3/2020 9:40 AM
33	Wildlife & Zoo	1/3/2020 7:46 AM
34	small, large, mixed, exotic, zoo, wildlife, non-traditional species	1/3/2020 2:05 AM
35	dog and cat animal shelter	1/2/2020 4:45 PM
36	House call	1/2/2020 2:50 PM
37	Relief	1/2/2020 1:22 PM

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38	Zoo	1/2/2020 1:21 PM
39	Wildlife and Zoo animal	1/2/2020 1:10 PM
40	We also see exotics-bird, reptiles, pocket pets	1/2/2020 11:38 AM
41	zoo	1/2/2020 11:29 AM
42	University Teaching Hospital	1/2/2020 11:29 AM
43	Laboratory animals	1/2/2020 11:26 AM
44	Shelter	1/2/2020 11:23 AM
45	Animal Shelter	1/2/2020 11:15 AM
46	exotics too	1/2/2020 8:11 AM
47	Exotic and small animal medicine and surgery	12/31/2019 12:59 PM
48	Small Animal, Low cost subsidized clients that can often not afford regular medications, let alone compounded.	12/31/2019 9:55 AM
49	Shelter	12/31/2019 8:27 AM
50	Exotics	12/30/2019 3:42 PM
51	Exotic/aquatic/wildlife	12/30/2019 11:49 AM
52	Radiation/MRI/CT only	12/29/2019 6:23 AM
53	Shelter Veterinarian	12/28/2019 12:10 PM
54	We see avian, reptile and pocket pets too	12/28/2019 8:34 AM
55	Cat shelter	12/28/2019 7:56 AM
56	Lab Animal	12/27/2019 11:55 AM
57	companion animal, but also heavily see birds, reptiles, and small mammals.	12/27/2019 10:20 AM
58	Shelter Medicine, primarily small animal	12/27/2019 4:09 AM
59	Exotics (birds, reptiles, pocket pets) as well	12/26/2019 5:21 PM
60	large, small, and exotics animals	12/26/2019 4:12 PM
61	Small animal clinic	12/26/2019 12:10 PM
62	Small animal only mobile	12/26/2019 11:08 AM
63	see numerous exotic species also	12/26/2019 10:44 AM
64	shelter for dogs and cats	12/26/2019 9:43 AM
65	Exotic companion animals	12/26/2019 6:34 AM
66	Exotic companion animals	12/26/2019 6:31 AM
67	Multi speciality practice	12/25/2019 12:20 PM
68	Exotics small animal	12/24/2019 4:08 PM
69	exotic	12/24/2019 1:52 PM
70	exotic,zoo,wildlife	12/24/2019 11:52 AM
71	Shelter (cats, dogs, exotics)	12/24/2019 11:44 AM
72	Equine and exotics as well	12/24/2019 11:41 AM
73	Exotics (birds, reptiles, pocket pets)	12/24/2019 11:13 AM
74	Specialty medicine - ophthalmology	12/24/2019 10:04 AM
75	Emergency, surgical, and specialty hospital	12/24/2019 9:00 AM

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76	Avian	12/24/2019 7:42 AM
77	Specialty and emergency	12/24/2019 6:39 AM
78	Emergency Only	12/24/2019 5:47 AM
79	Shelter	12/23/2019 9:47 PM
80	Integrative practice	12/23/2019 7:17 PM
81	Shelter	12/23/2019 6:47 PM
82	24 hr er/GP/ speciality	12/23/2019 5:05 PM
83	Shelter Medicine	12/23/2019 4:12 PM
84	mostly small animal	12/23/2019 3:47 PM
85	Zoological	12/23/2019 2:15 PM
86	Large, small, birds and exotics.	12/23/2019 1:39 PM
87	Exotic and small animal	12/23/2019 1:29 PM
88	Shelter medicine—mainly dogs and cats, but many mixed species additionally	12/23/2019 12:32 PM
89	Animal Shelter	12/23/2019 12:26 PM
90	Relief	12/23/2019 11:54 AM
91	Shelter medicine practice	12/23/2019 11:51 AM
92	Small Animals and Exotic Animals	12/23/2019 11:41 AM
93	Shelter	12/23/2019 11:29 AM
94	Shelter - dogs and cats	12/23/2019 11:01 AM
95	Shelter medicine	12/23/2019 10:50 AM
96	Plus exotics	12/23/2019 10:46 AM
97	Animal shelter	12/23/2019 10:35 AM
98	Zoo	12/23/2019 10:29 AM
99	Wildlife	12/23/2019 10:24 AM
100	Shelter, mixed	12/23/2019 10:19 AM
101	24hr emergency/critical care	12/23/2019 10:07 AM
102	Veterinary Ophthalmology	12/23/2019 9:55 AM
103	Exotics	12/23/2019 9:52 AM
104	Canine,Feline,Avian,Exotic	12/23/2019 9:47 AM
105	Exotics pets only practice	12/23/2019 9:40 AM
106	Relief and solo practitioners	12/23/2019 9:23 AM
107	Emergency only	12/23/2019 9:23 AM
108	Shelter Medicine	12/23/2019 9:20 AM
109	Small animal	12/23/2019 7:37 AM
110	small animal (cats, dogs) and exotics	12/23/2019 6:06 AM
111	Shelter	12/22/2019 10:08 PM
112	Emergency	12/22/2019 2:03 PM
113	Emergency	12/22/2019 9:47 AM

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114	zoo and Aquarium	12/21/2019 2:44 PM
115	companion animal only---dog and cat	12/21/2019 10:14 AM
116	Small animal + Avian & Exotic	12/21/2019 8:12 AM
117	Companion animals to include exotics and wildlife	12/21/2019 7:15 AM
118	Dogs cats exotic pets	12/21/2019 6:17 AM
119	Veterinary acupuncture also provided	12/21/2019 5:58 AM
120	Small animal	12/21/2019 5:40 AM
121	Small & Exotic Animal Hospital	12/20/2019 10:49 PM
122	Dogs cats all non large animals like rabbits ferrits birds chinchillas gerbils hamsters reptiles and more	12/20/2019 8:30 PM
123	Small Animal Practice, Dogs & Cats	12/20/2019 8:27 PM
124	Some exotic	12/20/2019 8:07 PM
125	Shelter Medicine	12/20/2019 6:35 PM
126	exotic, avian, rodent, reptile, zoo	12/20/2019 5:48 PM
127	Shelter medicine (exotics, cats, & dogs)	12/20/2019 1:58 PM
128	Surgery specialists	12/20/2019 1:14 PM
129	Dogs, cats and some exotics	12/20/2019 11:50 AM
130	And exotic	12/20/2019 11:42 AM
131	Small animal (dog/cat) and exotic/pocket pets that many times require much lower drug concentration for proper administration	12/20/2019 9:01 AM
132	Dogs, cats Exotics and Avian specialty practice	12/20/2019 12:37 AM
133	University	12/19/2019 7:11 PM
134	Laboratory animal medicine/University	12/19/2019 6:30 PM
135	Shelter	12/19/2019 2:40 PM
136	Multiple aquatic species	12/19/2019 12:02 PM
137	some pocket pets/exotics	12/19/2019 11:58 AM
138	Shelter with full service clinic serving the low income community	12/19/2019 11:45 AM
139	Cats, small pocket pets	12/19/2019 10:35 AM
140	Ambulatory large animals	12/19/2019 10:28 AM
141	reproduction, wildlife and exotics	12/19/2019 10:10 AM
142	ER, exotics	12/19/2019 10:08 AM
143	Ophthalmology	12/19/2019 9:56 AM
144	Dogs, Cats, Exotics	12/19/2019 9:26 AM
145	Mostly Equine with some Food Animal	12/19/2019 8:41 AM
146	Exotics	12/19/2019 7:56 AM
147	We also treat a large number of small exotic companion animals	12/19/2019 6:29 AM
148	zoo/aquarium	12/19/2019 5:44 AM
149	Cat, dog, reptile, small mammals; wellness, general medicine, general surgery.	12/19/2019 5:15 AM
150	Boarded specialists	12/19/2019 4:53 AM

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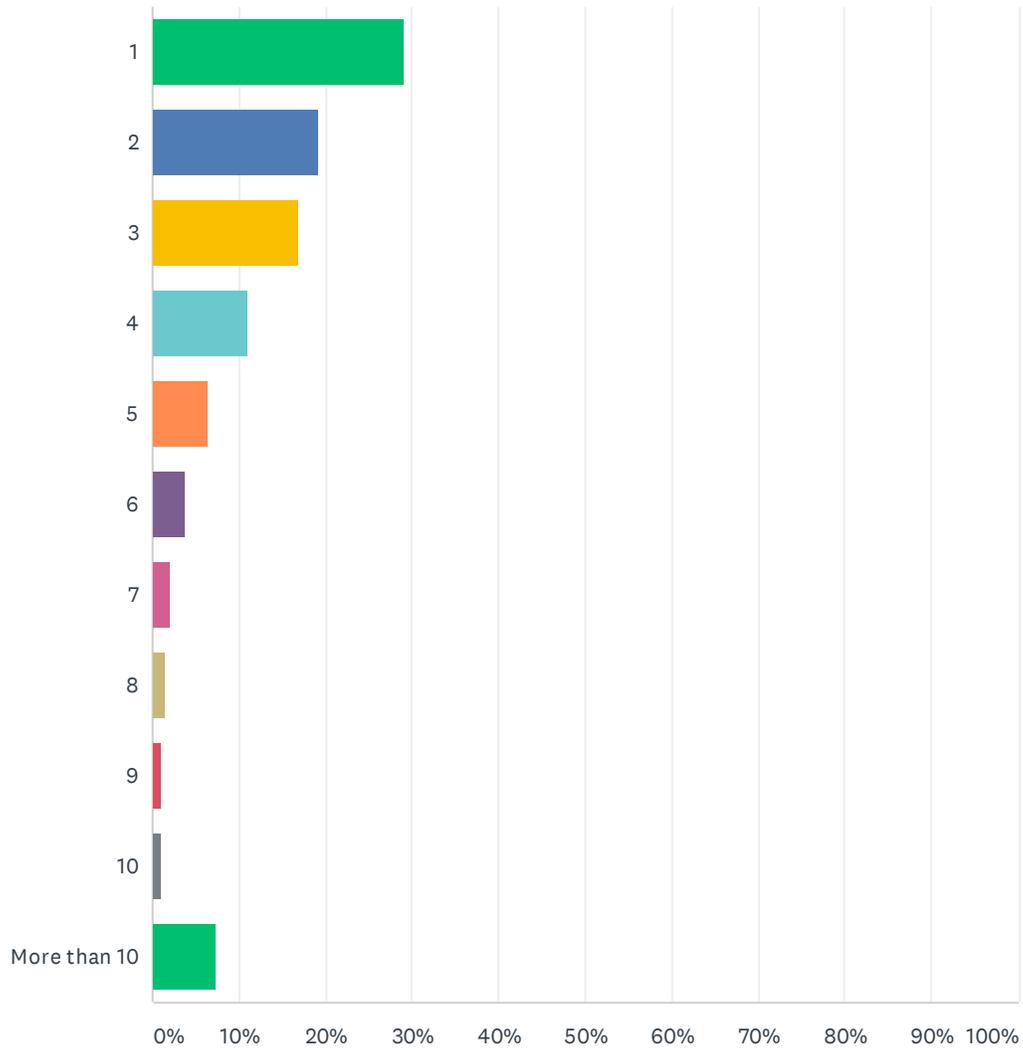
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152	Wildlife	12/18/2019 10:12 PM
153	Emergency and critical care	12/18/2019 9:56 PM
154	Small Animal Housecall Practice	12/18/2019 9:12 PM
155	Cervid medicine	12/18/2019 9:02 PM
156	University teaching	12/18/2019 8:36 PM
157	Dogs and cats	12/18/2019 8:21 PM
158	Holistic/Integrative	12/18/2019 7:17 PM
159	emergency	12/18/2019 7:06 PM
160	Oncology	12/18/2019 6:54 PM
161	including exotic companion mammals, and reptiles	12/18/2019 4:51 PM
162	Exotic hoofstock	12/18/2019 4:30 PM
163	wildlife	12/18/2019 4:25 PM
164	zoological	12/18/2019 4:12 PM
165	Mobile clinic only	12/18/2019 4:09 PM
166	Exotics (avians, reptiles, pocket pets)	12/18/2019 3:43 PM
167	Shelter medicine; dogs, cats, pocket pets	12/18/2019 3:28 PM
168	Pocket pets/reptiles	12/18/2019 3:23 PM
169	small animal	12/18/2019 3:20 PM
170	Native wildlife	12/18/2019 3:08 PM
171	small animal, large animal and exotic	12/18/2019 2:47 PM
172	we see a large number of exotic species: birds, pocket pets, reptiles and wildlife	12/18/2019 2:42 PM
173	zoo medicine	12/18/2019 2:33 PM
174	High volume spay and neuter of cats and dogs	12/18/2019 2:30 PM
175	Referral Hospital	12/18/2019 2:17 PM
176	Emergency only	12/18/2019 2:14 PM
177	small animal exclusive	12/18/2019 2:01 PM
178	Exotic pets and wildlife	12/18/2019 1:55 PM
179	Neurology and neurosurgery	12/18/2019 1:51 PM
180	exotics- small mammals	12/18/2019 1:44 PM
181	Animal Shelter	12/18/2019 1:41 PM
182	Companion and small exotics	12/18/2019 1:38 PM
183	Exotic species	12/18/2019 1:26 PM
184	24/7 ER and Specialty	12/18/2019 1:04 PM
185	Exotics Only	12/18/2019 12:52 PM
186	Private animal shelter	12/18/2019 12:50 PM
187	Zoo medicine	12/18/2019 12:42 PM
188	Mixed - equine and food animal	12/18/2019 12:38 PM

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189	Exotic, some farm animals, most dogs and cats	12/18/2019 12:35 PM
190	Oncology	12/18/2019 12:30 PM
191	Oncology only	12/18/2019 12:29 PM
192	Cats, dogs, but also small mammals, reptiles, birds	12/18/2019 12:29 PM
193	Laboratory animal medicine - researchg	12/18/2019 12:27 PM
194	Rabbits	12/18/2019 12:26 PM
195	Zoo	12/18/2019 12:23 PM
196	Small animals with about 15 percent exotics and birds!	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
197	Primarily equine but see a few dogs and cats especially on the farms.	12/18/2019 12:18 PM
198	specialty and emergency facility	12/18/2019 12:18 PM
199	Exotics, birds, reptiles, pocket pets	12/18/2019 12:16 PM
200	Hospice and Palliative Care	12/18/2019 12:15 PM
201	Only dogs and cats	12/18/2019 12:14 PM
202	Exclusively dogs and cats	12/18/2019 12:13 PM
203	zoo	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
204	Mixed animal (large animal, equine referral, ambulatory, and ER), small animal general practice and 24-hour emergency	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
205	Shelter	12/18/2019 12:11 PM
206	Complementary medicine	12/18/2019 12:09 PM
207	General practitioner	12/18/2019 12:05 PM
208	No kill shelter	12/18/2019 12:04 PM
209	Companion Animal only - AAHA certified	12/18/2019 12:01 PM
210	Emergency	12/18/2019 12:00 PM
211	Exotic animal specialty practice	12/18/2019 11:59 AM
212	Laboratory Animal	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
213	Rehabilitation practice for dogs and horses	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
214	Mobile	12/18/2019 11:57 AM
215	Shelter Medicine	12/18/2019 11:54 AM
216	Animal shelter (municipal)	12/18/2019 11:54 AM

Q9 How many veterinarians work full or part-time in your practice?

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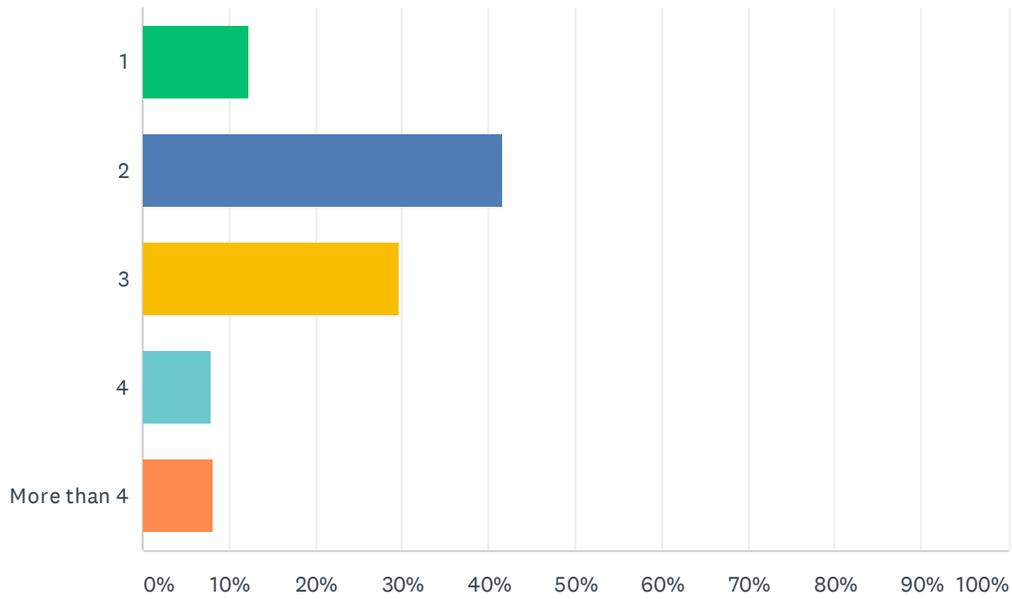


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	29.08%	531
2	19.33%	353
3	16.98%	310
4	11.17%	204
5	6.52%	119
6	3.72%	68
7	2.19%	40
8	1.53%	28
9	1.15%	21
10	1.10%	20
More than 10	7.23%	132
TOTAL		1,826

Q10 With how many compounding pharmacies does your practice do business?

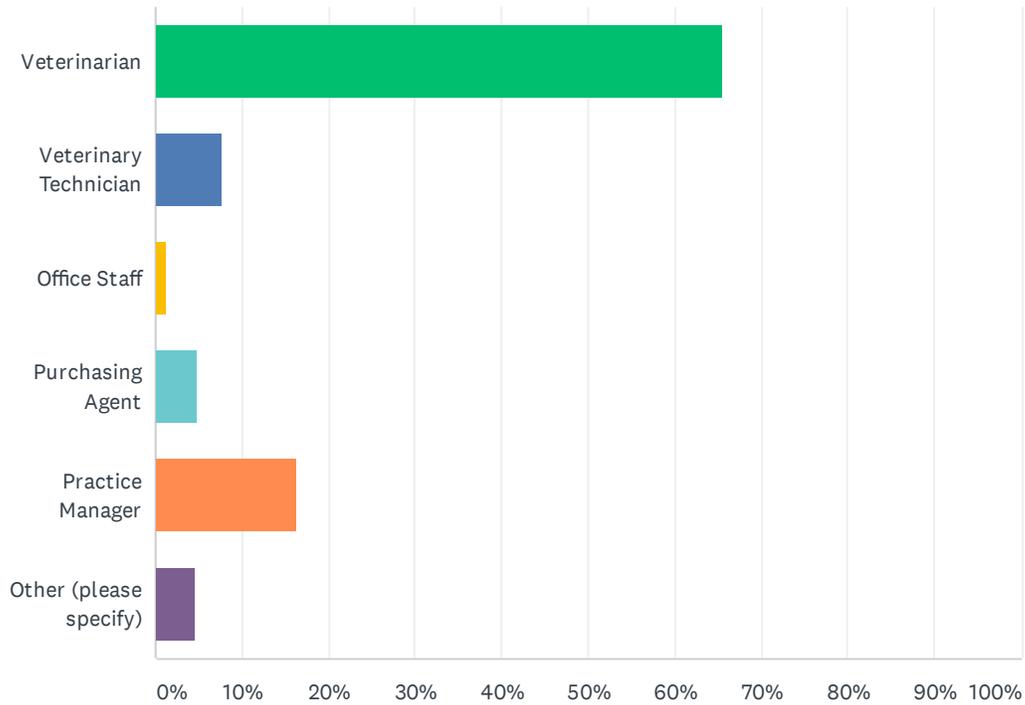
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1	12.43%	227
2	41.62%	760
3	29.79%	544
4	8.00%	146
More than 4	8.16%	149
TOTAL		1,826

Q11 What is your primary role in your practice?

Answered: 1,826 Skipped: 213



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Veterinarian	65.39%	1,194
Veterinary Technician	7.67%	140
Office Staff	1.20%	22
Purchasing Agent	4.87%	89
Practice Manager	16.27%	297
Other (please specify)	4.60%	84
TOTAL		1,826

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1	Inventory Manager	1/13/2020 11:20 AM
2	Inventory Manager, LVT	1/13/2020 8:09 AM
3	Owner	1/11/2020 7:53 AM
4	Owner/DVM	1/10/2020 4:49 PM
5	Owner, Practice Manager, and RVT	1/10/2020 1:20 PM
6	Owner Veterinarian	1/10/2020 12:33 PM
7	I order the compounded medications	1/10/2020 7:47 AM
8	Medical Director	1/9/2020 5:50 PM
9	and Practice Manager	1/9/2020 3:44 PM
10	Inventory Manager	1/9/2020 3:38 PM
11	Medical Director	1/9/2020 8:12 AM
12	Inventory	1/9/2020 5:14 AM
13	Inventory Manager	1/8/2020 3:23 PM
14	Owner	1/8/2020 1:08 PM
15	also Technician	1/8/2020 10:36 AM
16	supervisor	1/8/2020 10:03 AM
17	medical director	1/7/2020 1:35 PM
18	Medical director/veterinarian	1/7/2020 12:02 PM
19	Veterinarian and practice owner	1/7/2020 10:09 AM
20	Veterinarian/ Owner	1/5/2020 2:48 PM
21	Or acting veterinarian and practice owner	1/5/2020 7:39 AM
22	Owner, purchasing agent and sole veterinarian	1/5/2020 7:13 AM
23	I am also the practice manager and sole purchasing agent	1/4/2020 3:40 PM
24	Owner	1/4/2020 2:57 PM
25	relief work at close to 30 clinics a year	1/4/2020 7:28 AM
26	Owner	1/3/2020 1:48 PM
27	Owner	1/3/2020 1:09 PM
28	Research Scientist	1/3/2020 12:16 PM
29	Inventory Manager	1/3/2020 10:08 AM
30	Owner	1/3/2020 8:17 AM
31	Owner/partner	1/3/2020 6:02 AM
32	Medical Director	1/3/2020 5:00 AM
33	Owner manager	1/2/2020 8:24 PM
34	Owner	1/2/2020 6:04 PM
35	owner	1/2/2020 4:15 PM
36	Supervisor/RVT	1/2/2020 3:54 PM
37	owner and purchaser	1/2/2020 2:55 PM

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38	Assistant / TX ordering	1/2/2020 2:37 PM
39	and Practice manager	1/2/2020 2:25 PM
40	Medical Director	1/2/2020 1:35 PM
41	And co-owner	1/2/2020 1:34 PM
42	Relief clinician	1/2/2020 1:22 PM
43	Office Manager	1/2/2020 11:39 AM
44	Owner	1/2/2020 11:33 AM
45	Medical Director	1/2/2020 11:22 AM
46	Owner and purchasing agent	1/2/2020 11:17 AM
47	veterinary technician and inventory manager	1/2/2020 11:16 AM
48	owner	12/30/2019 5:41 PM
49	Also a Registered Veterinary Technician	12/30/2019 2:32 PM
50	owner	12/30/2019 7:55 AM
51	and Health Center Coordinator	12/30/2019 7:45 AM
52	Veterinary Technician specialist (cardiology)	12/30/2019 6:46 AM
53	Veterinary OWNER	12/28/2019 1:53 PM
54	Pharmacy Supervisor (and RVT)	12/28/2019 12:54 PM
55	Owner	12/28/2019 11:24 AM
56	Owner	12/27/2019 4:45 PM
57	practicing veterinarian/office manager	12/27/2019 3:57 PM
58	Inventory manager	12/27/2019 3:43 PM
59	Owner/D.V.M.	12/27/2019 7:13 AM
60	Owner	12/26/2019 1:04 PM
61	Veterinary Technician Supervisor/Practice Manager	12/26/2019 11:43 AM
62	Team Lead / Inventory Manager	12/26/2019 11:42 AM
63	practice owner	12/26/2019 11:33 AM
64	Lead CVT and Inventory Manager	12/26/2019 10:44 AM
65	Medical Coordinator	12/26/2019 9:43 AM
66	Medical director	12/26/2019 8:59 AM
67	Owner	12/25/2019 11:17 AM
68	Non DVM owner	12/25/2019 10:34 AM
69	CVT	12/24/2019 11:13 AM
70	Owner	12/24/2019 10:31 AM
71	CVT as well as Manager	12/24/2019 9:08 AM
72	Manager	12/24/2019 8:26 AM
73	And purchasing	12/24/2019 7:42 AM
74	Owner	12/24/2019 6:54 AM
75	Owner & Veterinarian	12/23/2019 10:24 PM

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76	Recently retired	12/23/2019 6:07 PM
77	Associate Director	12/23/2019 5:05 PM
78	veterinary nurse	12/23/2019 4:44 PM
79	Owner	12/23/2019 4:35 PM
80	Also purchasing agent	12/23/2019 3:23 PM
81	owner	12/23/2019 2:44 PM
82	Pharmacy technician	12/23/2019 1:48 PM
83	Regional Director of Operations	12/23/2019 1:11 PM
84	Owner/veterinarian	12/23/2019 12:47 PM
85	Owner/Veterinarian	12/23/2019 12:42 PM
86	Animal Shelter Manager	12/23/2019 12:26 PM
87	CPhT	12/23/2019 11:42 AM
88	Medical Director	12/23/2019 10:50 AM
89	owner	12/23/2019 10:21 AM
90	purchasing agent	12/23/2019 10:09 AM
91	owner	12/23/2019 10:06 AM
92	Owner	12/23/2019 9:55 AM
93	Owner	12/23/2019 9:46 AM
94	All of the above- solo mobile vet	12/23/2019 9:46 AM
95	Assistant - technician degree in progress	12/23/2019 9:43 AM
96	Owner/Administrator/Inventory Manager	12/23/2019 9:40 AM
97	Hospital Administrator	12/23/2019 9:38 AM
98	Chief of Staff	12/23/2019 9:32 AM
99	Owner	12/23/2019 9:22 AM
100	Hospital owner and PM	12/23/2019 9:16 AM
101	Office Manager	12/23/2019 7:37 AM
102	Owner veterinarian	12/23/2019 6:34 AM
103	Owner of practice	12/23/2019 6:04 AM
104	Owner, veterinarian, purchasing	12/23/2019 5:24 AM
105	and owner	12/22/2019 1:42 PM
106	Owner	12/22/2019 9:47 AM
107	owner/veterinarian	12/22/2019 8:36 AM
108	Owner/practitioner of 2 practices	12/21/2019 3:08 PM
109	Owner	12/21/2019 2:06 PM
110	Owner	12/21/2019 12:24 PM
111	practice owner	12/21/2019 11:12 AM
112	Owner	12/21/2019 10:55 AM
113	Veterinarian and owner and practice manager	12/21/2019 10:24 AM

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114	Owner	12/21/2019 8:22 AM
115	and owner	12/21/2019 7:39 AM
116	Owner 2 practices	12/21/2019 6:17 AM
117	Veterinarian/Owner/Manager	12/21/2019 5:58 AM
118	President	12/20/2019 10:17 PM
119	dvm owner and practice manager	12/20/2019 9:42 PM
120	Owner and sole veterinary	12/20/2019 9:14 PM
121	Practice owner	12/20/2019 8:45 PM
122	And Owner	12/20/2019 8:44 PM
123	Owner	12/20/2019 8:34 PM
124	Owner	12/20/2019 8:23 PM
125	Practice Manager and Owner	12/20/2019 7:18 PM
126	Owner	12/20/2019 7:04 PM
127	Owner	12/20/2019 7:03 PM
128	Medical director	12/20/2019 1:58 PM
129	Managing veterinarian	12/20/2019 1:40 PM
130	DVM/Business owner	12/20/2019 12:00 PM
131	also am the owner of the practice	12/20/2019 10:33 AM
132	Owner	12/20/2019 8:03 AM
133	RVT	12/20/2019 12:37 AM
134	Owner	12/19/2019 2:32 PM
135	Medical Director	12/19/2019 11:55 AM
136	Director of Veterinary Medicine	12/19/2019 11:45 AM
137	Veterinary Assistant	12/19/2019 11:28 AM
138	Chief of Staff	12/19/2019 11:03 AM
139	Owner/veterinarian	12/19/2019 10:45 AM
140	Owner	12/19/2019 10:39 AM
141	CVT	12/19/2019 10:35 AM
142	Medical Director	12/19/2019 10:08 AM
143	owner of the practice	12/19/2019 9:17 AM
144	owner/veterinarian	12/19/2019 8:37 AM
145	Veterinarian/owner	12/19/2019 8:30 AM
146	Wildlife Rehabilitator	12/19/2019 7:56 AM
147	Owner	12/19/2019 7:55 AM
148	owner	12/19/2019 7:43 AM
149	Owner	12/19/2019 7:15 AM
150	Medical Director	12/19/2019 7:07 AM
151	Office manager, purchaser, technician	12/19/2019 4:53 AM

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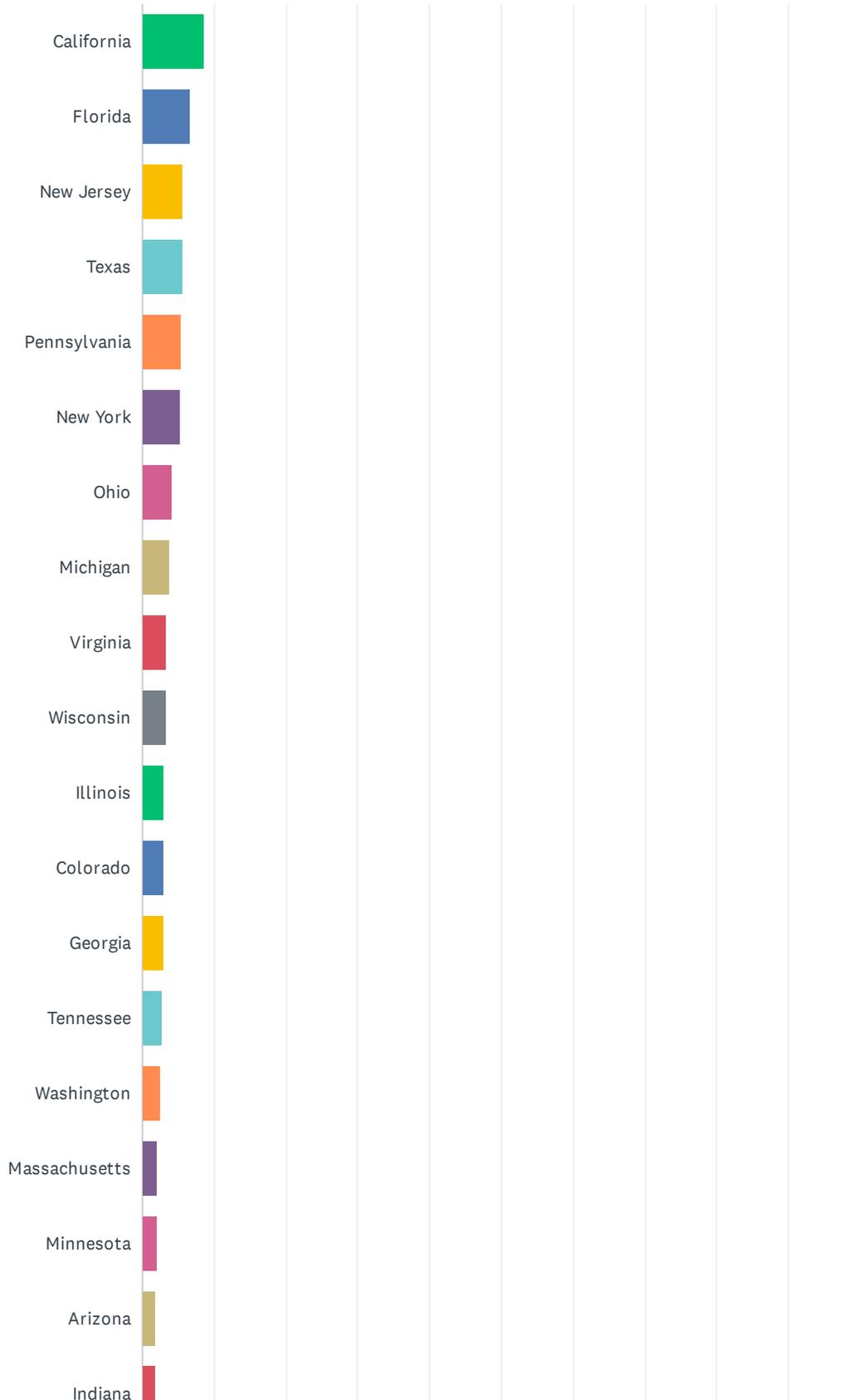
152	Owner/Manager/Veterinarian	12/19/2019 4:39 AM
153	Owner	12/19/2019 12:11 AM
154	Owner/manager	12/18/2019 10:38 PM
155	Wildlife Rehabilitator	12/18/2019 10:12 PM
156	Principal Veterinarian	12/18/2019 9:50 PM
157	Owner of practice	12/18/2019 9:12 PM
158	Everything	12/18/2019 9:02 PM
159	also the practice owner	12/18/2019 8:37 PM
160	Clinical skills instructor	12/18/2019 8:36 PM
161	Manager	12/18/2019 7:49 PM
162	Owner veterinarian	12/18/2019 7:25 PM
163	Veterinarian, Practice Manager	12/18/2019 6:20 PM
164	Medical Director	12/18/2019 6:13 PM
165	Inventory manager	12/18/2019 6:11 PM
166	Owner	12/18/2019 5:20 PM
167	Owner	12/18/2019 4:33 PM
168	Veterinarian and Owner	12/18/2019 4:30 PM
169	veterinarian owner	12/18/2019 4:25 PM
170	Owner	12/18/2019 4:10 PM
171	Ownert	12/18/2019 4:09 PM
172	Owner/Manager	12/18/2019 3:23 PM
173	RVT, manage pharmacy (ordering and refills), charge capture	12/18/2019 3:00 PM
174	practice owner	12/18/2019 2:59 PM
175	Executive Director - nonprofit animal shelter	12/18/2019 2:39 PM
176	Practice Owner	12/18/2019 2:27 PM
177	Veterinarian/Owner	12/18/2019 2:19 PM
178	Owner/ purchaser	12/18/2019 2:14 PM
179	HR/Accounting	12/18/2019 2:12 PM
180	Pharmacy Tech	12/18/2019 2:11 PM
181	Owner/veterinarian/practice manager	12/18/2019 1:58 PM
182	Veterinarian and owner of the practice	12/18/2019 1:53 PM
183	Owner/purchaser/practice manager	12/18/2019 1:37 PM
184	also do the purchasing	12/18/2019 1:27 PM
185	Inventory Lead / Marketing & Client Care Director	12/18/2019 1:26 PM
186	Inventory Manager along with CVT	12/18/2019 1:26 PM
187	Owner	12/18/2019 1:14 PM
188	owner	12/18/2019 1:13 PM
189	Owner	12/18/2019 1:12 PM

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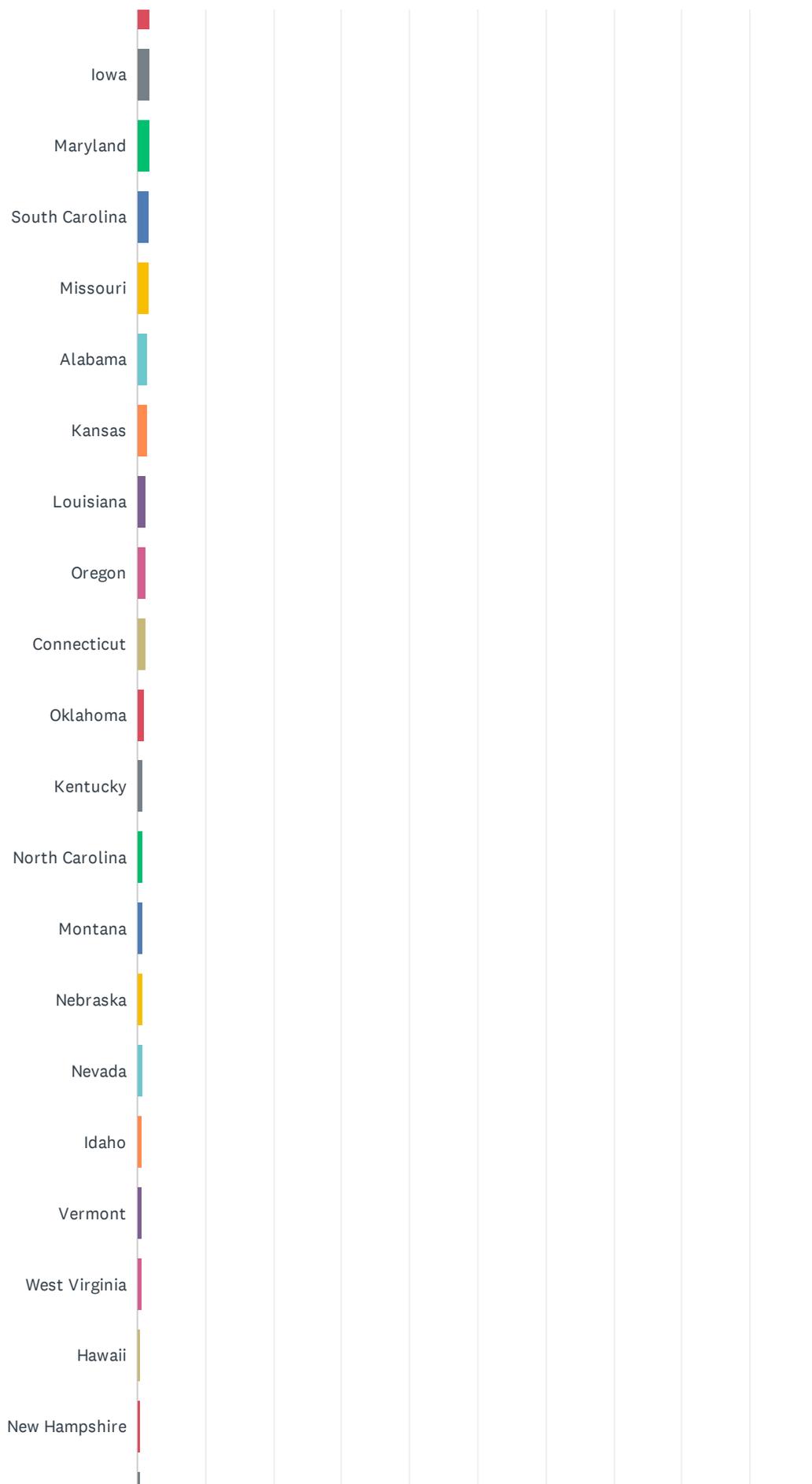
190	and also CVT	12/18/2019 1:04 PM
191	Owner	12/18/2019 12:51 PM
192	Owner	12/18/2019 12:43 PM
193	And owner	12/18/2019 12:35 PM
194	Owner too	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
195	DVM, co-owner	12/18/2019 12:19 PM
196	I am a solo ambulatory veterinarian that does not employ an office staff. I have a couple of texts that help me on the road. So adding a lot of additional paperwork would really be time-consuming and make my day even less efficient than it is at times!	12/18/2019 12:18 PM
197	Inventory manager	12/18/2019 12:18 PM
198	Medical Director	12/18/2019 12:16 PM
199	Co owner, practice manager, purchasing agent	12/18/2019 12:16 PM
200	SAER Medical Director	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
201	Contract veterinarian	12/18/2019 12:11 PM
202	Owner	12/18/2019 12:05 PM
203	owner/ veterinarian	12/18/2019 12:04 PM
204	Lead Technician/Manager	12/18/2019 12:04 PM
205	CEO	12/18/2019 12:01 PM
206	and office manager/purchasing agent	12/18/2019 12:01 PM
207	Veterinarian and owner	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
208	Oncology Department Manager	12/18/2019 11:58 AM
209	Owner	12/18/2019 11:55 AM
210	Lead Veterinary Technician	12/18/2019 11:54 AM
211	Practice owner, veterinarian, and purchasing agent	12/18/2019 11:52 AM
212	Veterinarian/Owner	12/18/2019 11:49 AM

Q12 In what state or U.S. territory is your main practice located?

Answered: 1,826 Skipped: 213



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
California	8.65%	158
Florida	6.63%	121
New Jersey	5.70%	104
Texas	5.64%	103
Pennsylvania	5.37%	98
New York	5.20%	95
Ohio	4.16%	76
Michigan	3.83%	70
Virginia	3.45%	63
Wisconsin	3.29%	60
Illinois	3.01%	55
Colorado	2.96%	54
Georgia	2.85%	52
Tennessee	2.68%	49
Washington	2.52%	46
Massachusetts	2.14%	39
Minnesota	2.03%	37
Arizona	1.97%	36
Indiana	1.92%	35
Iowa	1.81%	33
Maryland	1.81%	33
South Carolina	1.75%	32
Missouri	1.64%	30
Alabama	1.42%	26
Kansas	1.42%	26
Louisiana	1.31%	24
Oregon	1.31%	24
Connecticut	1.20%	22
Oklahoma	1.04%	19
Kentucky	0.93%	17
North Carolina	0.93%	17
Montana	0.88%	16

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Nebraska	0.82%	15
Nevada	0.77%	14
Idaho	0.60%	11
Vermont	0.55%	10
West Virginia	0.55%	10
Hawaii	0.49%	9
New Hampshire	0.49%	9
New Mexico	0.49%	9
Maine	0.44%	8
North Dakota	0.38%	7
Puerto Rico	0.38%	7
Rhode Island	0.38%	7
Utah	0.38%	7
Delaware	0.27%	5
District of Columbia (DC)	0.27%	5
Mississippi	0.27%	5
Wyoming	0.27%	5
Alaska	0.22%	4
Arkansas	0.22%	4
South Dakota	0.22%	4
Guam	0.05%	1
American Samoa	0.00%	0
Northern Marianas Islands	0.00%	0
Virgin Islands	0.00%	0
TOTAL		1,826

Q13 Is there anything else you want us to know the responses you have given and the opinions you have expressed here?

Answered: 144 Skipped: 1,895

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We need to stop this legislation.	1/10/2020 4:49 PM
2	nope. i think i already expressed myself	1/10/2020 12:06 PM
3	Save our compounding for animals - save animal's lives - make their owner's lives better - not worse. PLEASE!	1/10/2020 10:47 AM
4	Too much government control is never a good thing.	1/9/2020 1:04 PM
5	To me, and I am not a lawmaker, this feels like a power struggle and money grab. If this is not about protecting the ability of commercial drug manufacturers to make more money, then I am confused why we are even having this discussion. Is there another problem we should know about or be discussing?	1/9/2020 9:46 AM
6	Please, please, please don't take away our compounded meds unless there is a plan in place to make commercially available products!	1/9/2020 8:12 AM
7	thanks for helping keep the compounding going as mentioned get lara trump in on this tell her to get the president to keep us going with the compounding i am sure he would agree to less gov't regulation	1/8/2020 5:54 PM
8	More regulation is not desired.	1/8/2020 11:02 AM
9	Access to compounded medications is truly essential to us being able to provide acute and effective care to our patients.	1/7/2020 10:48 PM
10	Please legalize office use of compounded meds in New York	1/6/2020 8:58 PM
11	They should let us prescribe with more freedom, not less	1/6/2020 2:13 PM
12	Lawmakers are worried that veterinarians are misusing compounded medications but I urge them to travel to practices and follow the vet around and talk to clients. You will realize that we just want to do our job and help our patients to the best of our abilities. We understand the importance of compounded drugs and we don't abuse that power. To often a drug has been discontinued and we are scrambling to find something else to replace it. Unfortunately a lot of drugs haven't been tested in animals and or the price is so outrageous we can't use them. Being a veterinarian is extremely hard and there is a lot of stress associated with the job already. Limiting our access to compounded drugs, will increase our stress load, cause harm to our patients, will stress out our clients, will cause us to spend more hours researching for alternatives if even applicable, and will cause even more stress to the veterinarians. More stress will lead to more animals suffering and more suicides by veterinarians.	1/5/2020 4:05 PM
13	Well written survey with minimal time disruption needed to complete. Thanks!	1/4/2020 3:40 PM
14	Small mobile practice with very little profit margin. These changes would impact me greatly.	1/4/2020 12:36 PM
15	Compounding is a vital part of practicing the best medicine for our clients. Severely limiting what can be compounded would negatively impact my patients.	1/3/2020 7:15 PM
16	It is vital to have the option to have medications custom compounded into different dosages, forms, and flavors to enable us to accurately treat our patients with increased compliance, accuracy, and client/patient acceptance.	1/3/2020 5:10 PM
17	I can't imagine not having compounded medications when needed. So many patients (including my own) would not have access to medications they currently use.	1/3/2020 3:44 PM
18	It is frequently challenging to find drugs in sizes and formulations that can be given to our vet patients as most are designed for human market. Having ability to get compounded drugs is a god-send to vets, their clients and the patient. If compounding options were not available, many of my patients simply would not be getting the medication period.	1/3/2020 10:14 AM
19	With the wide variety of species differences we must have access to a wide variety of medication choices in order to provide quality care. More people expect their pets to be treated as family yet the government is trying to prevent and control our ability to provide this type of care. In addition to this, the cost of pet care is still primarily out of pocket and the changes proposed for increased FDA regulation of compounded medications will only increase this burden. It will make a huge impact on the farm and ranch community as well as companion	1/3/2020 9:50 AM

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animal. We do not need increased regulation that will allow the big pharmaceutical companies more room to monopolize and inhibit our capability of providing quality care for animal species.

20	Without the ability to change the original form or flavor of medicine this would greatly impact our ability to accurately treat and owners would not administer meds that their pet will refuse to take.	1/3/2020 4:17 AM
21	I'm unwilling to answer the last 4 parts regarding the practice in question 8, those answers are randomly selected, except that I am a vet.	1/3/2020 2:05 AM
22	I am very worried what the effect of regulating compounding medications for pets is going to have on effective treatment.	1/2/2020 8:24 PM
23	NY is a nightmare already and it is difficult enough to order things now because of their stupid rules. DO NOT let the government ruin this any further.	1/2/2020 4:04 PM
24	FDA needs to cool it--If they are not careful they will run Veterinarians out of work because of regulations. Not our fault that Purdue Pharma and the Sackler family were money grubbing people--they pushed those opiod drugs on the Veterinarians just as much as the Medical community. Don't regulate us to death now.	1/2/2020 2:54 PM
25	Example; In many cases clients would have to crush large numbers of tablets several times daily to be able to get the animal to eat the medication hidden in feed ration or placed in a syringe with water or apple sauce etc... This puts clients in danger of constant exposure to this medication through inhalation or direct contact. It is better to have the medication prepared by a qualified pharmacy compounder and flavored to the animal individual liking.	1/2/2020 2:25 PM
26	All of my patients that have been on compounded medications have benefited greatly with no harm, as of yet with current practices. Limitations to compounding will have adverse effects on my patients' health and well being, as well as economic ramifications that will affect the practice and the clients.	1/2/2020 2:23 PM
27	I urgently request the FDA consider these restrictions very carefully as they will drastically negatively impact multiple areas of our practice- most importantly appropriate medicating of patients. I have no issues with more paperwork if that is what will be helpful to the FDA.	1/2/2020 1:35 PM
28	I am a relief veterinarian for a large multi-state corporate practice. My answers reflect my opinions and may not reflect the corporate position on compounding.	1/2/2020 1:31 PM
29	Hang in there !!!!	1/2/2020 1:22 PM
30	With out the availability of compounding pharmacies, a lot of pets would not get the care they need. I hope the FDA takes into consideration not only the pets but also the people that have these special compounded drugs to keep their rare conditions as close to a normal feeling as possible as I am someone that lives with rare disease that requires special medication.	1/2/2020 12:44 PM
31	I don't see the benefit to the FDA of limiting veterinarians access to treatments for our patients. Restricting access to compounded medications for animals will severely and negatively effect these animals, their owners, and those that are trying to care for them.	1/2/2020 11:22 AM
32	Some medications are no longer available other than through a compounding pharmacy. Especially large animal drugs.	12/31/2019 5:48 PM
33	Compounding pharmacies play a major role in the choices of therapy in most veterinary practices, and although safety is important, so is the ability to efficiently and affordably provide these products to practitioners for effective treatment options in many pets and species.	12/31/2019 12:59 PM
34	All states should allow approved compounded medications to be stocked for hospital use and sell.	12/30/2019 5:41 PM
35	listen to veterinarians no one in the FDA or state gov. knows what we experience	12/30/2019 7:55 AM
36	I guess my only bottom line statement is that increased regulation is going to cause increased animal suffering.	12/29/2019 9:10 PM
37	Compounding pharmacies are extremely important to the veterinary profession	12/29/2019 8:15 AM
38	just about EVERY day I go to order a medication for a pet and cannot- due to some sort of back order issue. Something needs to change! This has increased in the last 10 years - I don't know why.	12/28/2019 1:53 PM

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39	The proposed charges would greatly diminish my ability to practice standard of care medicine and could increase euthanasia rates if certain medications are either not available or are cost prohibitive.	12/28/2019 12:10 PM
40	Compounded medications are very important to the health of many of our cats.	12/28/2019 7:56 AM
41	Compounded medication are a necessity for some patients in the Veterinary field.	12/27/2019 9:12 AM
42	Compounded drugs are a great way to offer clients when a drug is on backorder, too expensive, and if the clinic does not carry it and the pharmacy doesnt have it.	12/27/2019 9:09 AM
43	I believe that many veterinarians are using compounded medications when approved medications are available simply to lower cost. I believe that this is detrimental to the development of new medications. Compounding has its place but it is being abused.	12/26/2019 5:57 PM
44	Lobby for regulations that would not allow drug execs from being nominated to regulate the drug industry	12/26/2019 12:38 PM
45	I also work out of Virginia	12/26/2019 11:13 AM
46	We would not be able to medicate most of our patients without compounded meds	12/26/2019 6:31 AM
47	Caring for patients is complicated enough without more governmental hindrances in areas where there is a lack of politicians understanding. Human medicine has already been dismantled and incapacitated by government regulation attempts. I do not support this attempt to limit our ability as veterinarians to prescribe and treat as we are trained.	12/25/2019 12:47 PM
48	This whole thing feels like an issue of greed on the part of the pharmaceutical companies not about safety or the health of pets. As a veterinarian, we are working to simply solve problems and make our patients well. Greed needs to stop getting in our way.	12/25/2019 11:17 AM
49	I can't even begin to imagine how upset this is going to make our clients.... this is going to be really bad.	12/24/2019 7:25 PM
50	As an accredited AZA facility using opiates for handling purposes, We already have a system keeping track of all procedures and drugs used on every individual animal.	12/24/2019 1:52 PM
51	I feel strongly that the FDA should not increase their involvement in compounding decisions or availability	12/24/2019 10:18 AM
52	Oversight of the quality of compounding pharmacies should increase but any decrease in availability of compounded products would harm my patients.	12/24/2019 7:24 AM
53	The control sought by the FDA is very suspicious to me. I do not feel this is protection for the public, but protection for the drug companies that stand to profit. This has already been happening in several parts of the pharmaceutical industry. The quiet take-over of competition by big pharma... I am frightened of the consequences for my patients and myself. This is not helping health care at all. Controlling compounding, and proposed changes affecting homeopathics, are power and profit grabbing at the expense of the wellbeing and freedom of the public, pets and veterinarians.	12/23/2019 7:17 PM
54	Government and corporate interference in veterinary practice is partly why I am retiring.	12/23/2019 7:04 PM
55	Regulating for sterility/cleanliness and effectiveness of compounded drugs is a good thing. Vets should be able to dispense from a stock bottle for the compounded drugs they order.	12/23/2019 2:17 PM
56	Compounding pharmacies are one of the best things to happen to veterinary medicine in the past 20 years.	12/23/2019 1:41 PM
57	I disagree with anyone tying my hands on treatment of my patients. I am the doctor and I know them the best, not the government.	12/23/2019 12:42 PM
58	Compounding has changed the way that veterinarians have been able to practice good medicine due to increasing options for compliance for treatment. Pets that would not otherwise be able to medicated and would likely have to be euthanized, now have options for transdermal, flavored liquid formulations, or medication treats that allow for ongoing care. Decreasing this option or making it out of reach to the average consumer due to increased costs will set the industry back and decrease options for treatment. It would also place even more legal consequences onto the backs of veterinarians trying to do the best by their	12/23/2019 12:32 PM

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profession to improve the lives of pets and their people by having alternate options for treatment.

59	Compound medication is the best thing we discovered as an animal shelter. It gives us more choices in how we treat animals, ease of treatment, confidence that we are dosing accurately, and more successful outcomes.	12/23/2019 12:26 PM
60	The ability to easily acquire compounded meds has exponentially improved my ability to provide the highest level of care to my patients over my 23 year career. Without access to these critical preparations, I feel like we are going to be sent back into the dark ages. My patients will pay the price. As will their people....medication costs to clients are going to skyrocket.	12/23/2019 11:50 AM
61	Please listen to veterinarians and vet hospitals before making this decision. Please do not be guided only by big pharma or by human pharmacies. They do not understand veterinary needs, for the most part! If you have a pet, you likely benefit or will benefit from in-hospital compounding pharmacies stock, without even realizing it.	12/23/2019 10:57 AM
62	Remember rural practices don't always have access to next-day mail!	12/23/2019 10:46 AM
63	Compounded medication has helped so many pets in pain (Buprenorphine SR, BNT oti pak) and for all the other reasons ive stated - we would be deficient in our practice without it. That is just unacceptable! We are professionals and should be treated as such. Oversee as needed but trust/have faith in us.	12/23/2019 10:13 AM
64	Yes the federal government needs to let the states decide compounding laws for themselves!	12/23/2019 9:16 AM
65	It violates states's rights. It is a solution to a problem that doesn't seem to exist with the drugs I have used for years at my practice. Decreasing treatment options to patients is a step backwards and increased paperwork is really just a punitive requirement from someone at the FDA that disagrees with compounding. I have my doctoral degree and professional license. Increased regulation will decrease medication options for patients and increase prices due to seeing fewer patients with more documentation.	12/23/2019 5:58 AM
66	Restricting compounding pharmacies is yes another way the federal government restricts veterinarians to practice quality medicine and surgery	12/22/2019 4:58 PM
67	No....just the feeling that with the government you are always playing 'whack-a-mole'....the same issue keeps coming back after it has been defeated.	12/22/2019 2:36 PM
68	I agree with and see it essential for SOME oversight of compounding pharmacies in relation to quality control of ingredients and end products, but oppose legislation that would result in a negative impact for my patients and my business.	12/22/2019 1:42 PM
69	Clearly the FDA's position on compounding has nothing to do with the delivery of quality medicine, and has everything to do with protecting large pharm corps. Disgusting.	12/22/2019 12:13 PM
70	Tell Pres Trump to oppose this , he too does not like overbearing federal regulations. Unfortunately all organizations like to grow and the Feds are no exception as history shows, the time is long past where we needed to get them in check. It is the one organization that SHOULD NOT GROW. But it got past us and needs to be shrunk again.	12/21/2019 4:22 PM
71	summary: I appreciate the protection afforded to my patients but think beyond that it will severely impact my ability to help my patients as much as I am able to today.	12/21/2019 12:39 PM
72	Market consolidation/corporate motive has also been a significant negative. Yes, Wedgewood/Diamondback are not the same outfits they used to be.	12/21/2019 12:29 PM
73	We need to keep these products available so animals are given better quality care and better longevity	12/21/2019 12:02 PM
74	why is government so punitive always with a big fine attached?	12/21/2019 11:39 AM
75	government control has driven up the cost of medication and I have seen no decrease in drug abuse	12/21/2019 10:27 AM
76	The government is not doing this for the safety of animals, but to enable them to charge fees, penalties etc to veterinarians and pharmacies trying to help their patients...	12/21/2019 8:45 AM
77	More regulation hurts our patients and our profession.	12/21/2019 8:33 AM
78	Fight this!!	12/21/2019 8:22 AM

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79	no	12/21/2019 7:22 AM
80	Compounded medications from bulk are critical to our practice and our patients well-being.	12/21/2019 6:39 AM
81	The passage of this bill would impact the private practice owners significantly	12/21/2019 6:01 AM
82	I feel that increased restrictions on compounding would have a disastrous impact on veterinarians, particularly smaller practices that struggle to compete with larger corporate ones.	12/21/2019 5:58 AM
83	I thought Republicans believed in less oversight.	12/20/2019 11:58 PM
84	Thank You for allowing me to participate in this petition.!!	12/20/2019 10:49 PM
85	Big government is bad government	12/20/2019 9:42 PM
86	I have been using compounded medications from veterinary pharmacies only in the last 10 years, and it has made it a lot easier to correctly treat my patients.	12/20/2019 9:24 PM
87	Many patients I take care of need compounded medications because they are too small or too difficult to pill. Without a good option for compounding, they will not be able to be treated. This will cause suffering with untreated illnesses and even death. If medications become too expensive pet owners often have to make a difficult financial decision to put their pet to sleep	12/20/2019 8:47 PM
88	Many of my patient's lives depend on compounded medications	12/20/2019 8:45 PM
89	Neutraceuticals.....totally unregulated. CBD oil is used by my clients based on a paucity of evidence and is easily obtained while being FDA regulated. Highly trained/educated/boarded pharmacists compounding drugs at the request of highly trained/educated/boarded veterinarians.....problem. I don't get it?????	12/20/2019 8:44 PM
90	I'd like to know exactly who stands to benefit from these proposed changes. I'd prefer someone outside the FDA answer that question.	12/20/2019 8:34 PM
91	A compounding pharmacy like Wedgewood is often the only appropriate choice for small practice like my father's in north central Iowa. My second cousin even owns the local human pharmacy -compounding is still necessary for veterinary patients.	12/20/2019 12:23 PM
92	Proper dosing for cats and small dogs as well as financial considerations are the most important reasons we MUST have access to compounded drugs. Pets are not small humans and do not have the benefit of prescription insurance coverage. As a consequence, use of compounded medications makes treating our patients financially feasible, resulting in less suffering and euthanasia than if these medications were not readily available.	12/20/2019 12:00 PM
93	Due to the difficulty medicating many animals taking away this alternative would severely decrease compliance and therefore cause a rise in euthansia	12/20/2019 11:50 AM
94	I work in a rural area and the majority of my clientele is not financially well-off. This would impact us greatly.	12/20/2019 11:44 AM
95	Please fight this legislation.	12/20/2019 11:26 AM
96	These opinions represent my own and the two veterinarians who work at our practice	12/20/2019 8:41 AM
97	I practice high quality medication with the owner being a large part of aiding in that care. If the pet can't get compounded medication or if the owner can't give medication that is not compounded for specific pets, the quality of care and the quality of life for that pet suffers.	12/20/2019 8:03 AM
98	Please do your best to fight this. I will sign off on whatever documentation is needed to help allow us to continue to prescribe a full range of compounded medications as indicated.	12/19/2019 7:46 PM
99	The FDA needs to focus on the illegal/inappropriate compounding and sale of "copied" FDA approved drugs and not put efforts into regulating correctly prescribed drugs only available by compounding.	12/19/2019 7:24 PM
100	Cats are important and deserve to have medication that is suitable for them. Being able to custom compound medications has bee a vital part of their care.	12/19/2019 5:46 PM
101	I think having the fda involved is a terrible idea!!!!	12/19/2019 4:17 PM
102	KEEP THE FDA OUT OF COMPOUNDING PHARMACIES!!!	12/19/2019 3:21 PM

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103	With FDA oversight will only complicate the perscribing/administration of compounding medications	12/19/2019 2:32 PM
104	I believe the current model for compounded medications in NJ is working and supports the needs of veterinarians and their patients.	12/19/2019 12:59 PM
105	It is very hard for veterinarians to practice good medicine today for small animals without having compounded medications. There just aren't the correct dosing sizes available for all of our patients if we have to use commercially available drugs.	12/19/2019 10:45 AM
106	Please, no more regulations!	12/19/2019 10:10 AM
107	This can be a matter of life and death for some animals	12/19/2019 8:20 AM
108	Companion animals are considered family members by our clients. We deserve to be able to treat their ailments with the best possible formulations of the appropriate medications. This cannot be done without compounding pharmacies.	12/19/2019 8:07 AM
109	Equine compounded medication is essential for continuity of care and ability to meet the specific needs of our patient species as they represent a very small % of the veterinary market place (~5%) thus are not high on the list for FDA approved market research for pharmaceutical companies!	12/19/2019 4:39 AM
110	I think all veterinarians realize there is a very real need for FDA oversight regarding compounding. However, its important that any new oversight is carefully put together so that our patient's needs can still be met.	12/19/2019 12:20 AM
111	This bill will create significant hardship to veterinarians and pet/horse-owning humans as well as cause significant suffering to animals.	12/18/2019 10:38 PM
112	My practice also works with many exotics in which there are no alternatives to compounded medications. Not having these available at a reasonable cost will deny many of these patients treatment and likely cost them their lives.	12/18/2019 9:51 PM
113	Catastrophic if this comes to pass!!	12/18/2019 9:43 PM
114	I think increased regulation will make matters worse	12/18/2019 9:12 PM
115	I have never been shown a good reason to control the use of bulk ingredients in the compounding of veterinary medications other than to protect the pharmaceutical companies that make the commercially available medications. However, I have many reasons to believe that the use of bulk ingredients by a compounding pharmacy to supply my clients and patients with the formulations in the correct dosage form and size is very important to my ability to safely care for my patients and their owners.	12/18/2019 8:37 PM
116	Loss of compounding pharmacy preparations would have a strong negative impact on veterinarians ability to provide prompt effective treatment to our patients. There have been numerous cases where the patient is small (10# or less) at needs metronidazole at a dose of 50 mg twice daily, the smallest manufactured dose is 250mg tablet. So an owner would need to give 1/5 or less of the tablet, this would be impossible. There is also a risk of metronidazole toxicity is the dose is too high, putting patients it risk. Compounded metronidazole is the only way to accurately dose these patients.	12/18/2019 8:15 PM
117	Lack of access to similar human products due to pharmacist denial to fill or appropriate strength in formulation that is needed for animal use.	12/18/2019 6:47 PM
118	The bottom line is that a lot of animals will suffer and not get the medication they need for treatment. It's ridiculous that we have to fight so hard for our patients to receive compounded medications. It's something we have to have, it can't be argued.	12/18/2019 6:33 PM
119	please stop the FDA from interfering in free market economy	12/18/2019 5:56 PM
120	We try to use FDA approved drugs whenever possible but there are drugs we can't get unless they are compounded.	12/18/2019 5:26 PM
121	I work with one local compounding pharmacy. Some clients prefer an out of state pharmacy that delivers. Some medications require special facilities that my local pharmacy lacks (sterile ophthalmic).	12/18/2019 5:06 PM
122	I hope this law doesn't pass.	12/18/2019 4:51 PM

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123	Every restriction placed on Veterinary practitioners in my 42years of practice has negatively affected our ability to practice medicine and removing our access to compounded medications will now restrict our ability to save animals. We must then change our oath of Veterinary practice. We will no longer be practicing medicine....plug in signs, symptoms, ages, etc...computer spits out diagnosis and which of the three medications on the shelf you are allowed to use, cross your fingers, say a prayer and shake the gourd, rattle the chicken's feet and say the chant.	12/18/2019 4:30 PM
124	This is a 'solution' looking for an actual problem.	12/18/2019 4:10 PM
125	Compounded medications need oversight.	12/18/2019 3:20 PM
126	further regulations will make it harder to provide needed medications to many of our patients.	12/18/2019 3:07 PM
127	Compounded medications are vital to the success of managing many of my patients. Asking an older owner to administer pills to a cat when they can get a compounded medication that is either palatable or can even be put on the inner ear of the cat is a recipe for non-compliance.	12/18/2019 2:52 PM
128	We are nonprofit and try to keep costs low for our community.	12/18/2019 2:30 PM
129	This is a senseless law written by the pharmaceutical lobby.	12/18/2019 2:19 PM
130	We need fewer regulations and more drugs made available	12/18/2019 2:14 PM
131	Thank you for conducting this survey	12/18/2019 2:04 PM
132	Call me anytime 303-641-5867. I would love to tell these FDA idiots what I think of them!	12/18/2019 1:14 PM
133	I think it's ludicrous that legally I can mix up whatever crap I want to and administer it to my patients, but the government seeks to restrict trained, licensed pharmacists from doing the same thing....but better. This makes no sense. I don't want to compound drugs, but I may be forced to if the pharmaceutical companies are successful in significantly harming the compounding pharmacies.	12/18/2019 1:06 PM
134	More government intervention usually equals more problems.	12/18/2019 12:37 PM
135	The veterinary medical industry is being squeezed currently by rising pharmaceutical and equipment prices, skyrocketing student debt burdens, many clients whose income has suffered since the 2008 crash, and social/emotional stressors. I'm worried more than ever about my younger colleagues and the high suicide rate among veterinarians. Too much of these suggested changes looks like shameless profiteering on the part of large corporations - being subsidized by the lost wellbeing of veterinarians, vet techs, loving pet-owners, and their pets. Please, please do what you know is right, and let us vets do our jobs. Do not interfere with the tools our patients need.	12/18/2019 12:28 PM
136	Please have the FDA refer to the Constitution!!!	12/18/2019 12:22 PM
137	We do dozens of surgeries weekly and we need the appropriate pain medication. It is already difficult enough to get the medications I need due to current regulations.	12/18/2019 12:16 PM
138	Our main focus is increasing the quality of life for our patients for the limited time they have left. Palatable medicine that is easy and non-traumatic to take is vital.	12/18/2019 12:15 PM
139	Please don't do this. It will be a burden to medical providers and be harmful to our patients and clients.	12/18/2019 12:14 PM
140	As a practitioner dealing with atypical species (zoo), being able to compound medications into different formulations, etc. is CRUCIAL to being able to treat these species.	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
141	I don't believe we should have this much regulation specifically for veterinarians while other practitioners are exempt from these rules. We should not have to justify our use of a specific medication -- our medical record and clinical judgement should be adequate. The FDA is not in the business of practicing medicine and should not be seeking to justify the prescribing decisions of actual practitioners.	12/18/2019 12:12 PM
142	This has to be stopped	12/18/2019 12:06 PM
143	Small animal practices need the option to have compounded medications. If the cost is too great, patient care will greatly decrease	12/18/2019 12:04 PM
144	This change could cause increased euthanasia of shelter animals. Length of stay in the shelter	12/18/2019 11:54 AM

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contributes to crowding, which contributes to infectious disease and euthanasia. Please don't let them take away our options to practice the best possible medicine for patient health & staff safety!
