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Veterinary Drugs Stakeholder Forum Meeting 1 - Summary

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Organization Overviews

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- ▶ **FDA Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM)**
 - Protects human and animal health; regulates animal drugs, animal feeds, veterinary devices; and protects human and animal health
- ▶ **Academy of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics (AAVPT)**
 - Promotes science of veterinary pharmacology and therapeutics through educational materials, meetings, and committees of experts
- ▶ **American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA)**
 - Works to improve animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession
- ▶ **Animal Health Institute (AHI)**
 - Represents companies with an interest in veterinary health; members develop and produce medicines that help pets live longer, healthier lives
- ▶ **Generic Animal Drug Alliance (GADA)**
 - Represents, informs, and facilitates communications for the U.S. generic animal drug industry
- ▶ **The U.S. Pharmacopeial Convention (USP)**
 - Provides several routes for veterinary participation: Convention membership, Council of Experts, *PF* and public comment process, Workshops, and Stakeholder Forums



USP Veterinary Solubility Criteria Workshop

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- ▶ **~80 attendees**

- ▶ **Workshop Outputs:**

- Expert Panel will recommend concentrating on solubility, will handle other drug characteristics at a later date
- Proposed General Chapter title: “Determination of Thermodynamic Solubility of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient for Veterinary Species”
- Dogs and Cattle: Solvent composition (pH, buffer, maybe surfactant for cattle); and Temperature

- ▶ **Next Steps**

- Stimuli article with report from the workshop
- Papers in some veterinary journals and trade magazines discussing workshop decisions and next steps
- Stimuli article with rationale for the new approaches
- New USP General Chapter in *PF*
- Broader promotion of all papers and activities
- Next possible species: cats and pigs



USP General Chapters Impact on Industry

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▶ **Industry Benefits of General Chapters**

- Recognized standards for use (domestic and international)
- Recognized by FDA
- Agreement with FDA Guidance Documents
- Pre-publication review and public comments
- Applied uniformly to industry

▶ **Industry Concerns with General Chapters**

- Uniqueness of animal drugs
- Differences in data requirements between FDA divisions
- Supply chain / vendor issues
- Implementation costs
- Requirements in the General Chapters sometimes not clear
- Animal generics industry is not as well established as the human generics industry—routine channels for interact with USP are needed.
- Small companies: limited resources and competition in small markets
- Outsourced testing expenses to comply with USP requirements
- Lack of awareness of upcoming changes in General Chapters—need to improve communication



Opportunities for Improvement – General Chapters

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▶ **USP Areas for Refinement**

- Clarify veterinary application of General Chapters
- Involve veterinary drugs industry in roll-out and implementation of standards that impact them
- Increase outreach and education with suppliers who may not be aware of revised standards
- Reach out to animal generics industry to explain benefits of monograph submission and obtain updated tests

▶ **Industry and Regulatory: More Involvement with USP**

- Provide public comments on Stimuli articles and *PF* proposals
- Participate in public forums (i.e., Stakeholder Forums and Workshops)— comments are shared with USP Expert committee/Expert Panel
- Submit draft monographs and revisions proposals



Unapproved Veterinary Drugs (UADs)

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▶ UAD Background & General Concerns

- Not approved by FDA and illegally marketed in the U.S.
- Adulteration and misbranding
- May fill an unmet need (medically necessary)
- Promoted as equivalent or superior to an FDA approved drug product
- Can mimic approved drugs
- No assurance of quality, safety, purity, potency of the product
- No assurance of effectiveness and safety
- Suitability of manufacturing facility not assured
- Products are promoted as equivalent or superior to an FDA approved drug
- Products requiring prescription available without veterinary intervention



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► Recommendations for UADs

- Need for a legal home
- Label claims in line with current and accepted industry practice
- FDA published Federal Register Notice seeking comments on strategies for finding legal “homes” for unapproved products.
- Indexed drugs
- Health Canada model
- Types of unapproved drugs:
 - Unapproved drugs for unmet need
 - Misbranded unapproved drugs (disguised)
- Unapproved drugs with structure/function claim vs. disease claim
- CFR Monograph System using the Expert Committee System



Compounding Perspectives

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▶ **Regulatory Perspective**

- Compounding of animal drugs by pharmacies raises same concerns as other unapproved animal drugs (i.e., safety, efficacy, manufacturing, labeling)
- Compounded animal drugs can violate FDCA

▶ **AVMA Perspective**

- Veterinarian-driven, not pharmacist-driven
- Based on a Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)
- Compliance with the Animal Medicinal Drug Use Clarification Act (AMDUCA) and the FDA Compliance Policy Guide

▶ **Industry Perspective**

- Compounded preparations should not mimic FDA-approved drug products
- Manufacturing under the guise of compounding raises concerns
- Wholesale distribution of compounded preparations
- Compounded drugs should be held to equivalent standards

▶ **USP Perspective**

- Compounding need is great across veterinary medical practice
- Interdisciplinary training/resources is lacking or absent



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