



The Veterinarian-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR)

The veterinarian-client-patient relationship is the basis for interaction among veterinarians, their clients and their patients.

All practicing veterinarians must adhere to the Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association by-law that states:

A VCPR exists when your veterinarian has:

- assumed responsibility for diagnosing and treating your animal(s) and you agree to follow the veterinarian's instructions
- seen your animal(s) at least once in the past 12 months and is aware of the keeping and care of your animal(s) by examination or through visits to where you keep your animal(s)
- offered you emergency coverage for follow-up evaluation in the event of adverse reactions or failure of the treatment regimen.

Prescribing a prescription product requires the existence of a VCPR. Your veterinarian will determine the best course of treatment for your animal(s).