



Therapeutics Guidelines Group  
World Small Animal Veterinary Association

By Email

### **Feedback on the WSAVA Essential Medicines List for Cats and Dogs**

The New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) is the only membership organisation representing veterinarians in New Zealand. It supports members through leadership, education, standard setting and wellbeing support.

The NZVA and the Companion Animal Veterinarians Branch (CAV) are providing feedback on behalf of members as part of the three-yearly review of the List of Essential Medicines for Cats and Dogs, core and complementary medicines.

Thank you for the opportunity for our membership to provide feedback as part of this three-yearly review. We look forward to the launch of the updated version later this year.

Ngā mihi,

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## WSAVA List of Essential Medicines for Cats and Dogs

The New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) and Companion Animal Veterinarians Branch (CAV)

### Anaesthetic, analgesic, sedative and emergency drugs

- **Add to core:** all those listed in complementary, especially inhalation agents and non-dissociative anaesthetic agent (propofol or alfaxalone)
- **Add to core:** injectable Vit K1
- **Add to core:** calcium gluconate 10% or calcium chloride 10% (calcium gluconate 10% no longer available in all locations)
- **Add to core:** vasopressor option such as noradrenaline for use in hypotension or septic shock
- **Add to core:** include fresh frozen plasma, frozen plasma or refrigerated plasma as options in 22) Colloid solutions

### Antimicrobial drugs

#### Antifungal drugs

- **Add to core:** the oral azole antifungals

#### Antiparasitic drugs

- **Add to core:** 12) Benzimidazoles and probenzimidazoles (febantel, fenbendazole, flubendazole, mebendazole, oxbendazole) – oral fenbendazole is important for treating giardia (Panacur), especially in shelter situations.

### Immunomodulatory drugs

- **Add to core or complementary:** oclacitinib