



European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals

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**EPRUMA publishes new best-practice guidance for anthelmintic use  
in food-producing animals**

**Brussels, 6 November 2018:** The European Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals (EPRUMA) has launched a new publication entitled: *EPRUMA best-practice framework on the use of anthelmintics in food-producing animals*. Anthelmintic resistance predominantly affects sheep, goats, cattle and horses and has serious implications on animal health and wellbeing, and subsequently on productivity of livestock. With this brochure EPRUMA promotes coordinated efforts of all involved stakeholders.

The brochure includes general information on the parasitic worms known as helminths that cause infections in cattle, sheep, goats, poultry and horses. It also promotes best practices that help to minimise the impact of infection and increase the response to treatment and prevent development of resistance to anthelmintics. This guidance document highlights the commitment of EPRUMA partners to the responsible use of these products by raising awareness of this challenge and providing best practice recommendations in order to ensure efficacy of anthelmintics in the future.

EPRUMA Chair, Rens van Dobbenburgh, commented "As EPRUMA we have been promoting the responsible use of veterinary medicines for more than a decade, in particular of antibiotics, as a response to the developing threat of antibiotic resistance. Nevertheless, EPRUMA partners acknowledge the emerging risk of anthelmintic resistance as another challenge for the animal health sector. Preserving the efficacy of anthelmintic treatments to safeguard animal health and welfare is essential. It is time to take action to promote the responsible use of veterinary anthelmintics through implementation of best practices in food-producing animals and to ensure healthy animals as well as livestock production in Europe."

[Download the EPRUMA best-practice on anthelmintics](#)

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**Notes for editors:**

- EPRUMA is a multi-stakeholder platform linking best practice with animal health and public health. It aims to ensure best practice through responsible use of medicines in the prevention and control of animal diseases.

EPRUMA partners:

- AnimalhealthEurope: The voice of the animal medicines industry
- COPA-COGECA: European Farmers and Agri-Cooperatives
- Diagnostics for Animals
- EGGVP: European Group for Generic Veterinary Products
- EISA: European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture
- FECAVA: Federation of European Companion Animal Veterinary Associations
- FEFAC: European Feed Manufacturers Federation
- FESASS: European Federation for Animal Health and Sanitary Security
- FVE: Federation of Veterinarians of Europe
- PGEU: Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union

Associate partners (National Responsible Use platforms):

- AMCRA: Centre for Expertise on Antimicrobial Consumption and Resistance in Animals (Belgium)
- RUMA: Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance (United Kingdom)
- SDa: Veterinary Medicines Institute (The Netherlands)
- VETRESPONSABLE: Platform for the Responsible Use of Medicines in Animals (Spain)

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