

Answer Key: Veterinary-Client-Patient Relationship (VCPR) Worksheet



REVIEW the most important information about the VCPR by answering the questions below:

What is a VCPR?

A VCPR exists when a veterinarian takes the responsibility for providing care for your animals, and you, the farmer-client, are willing to accept the vet's advice. This formal, long-term relationship between the veterinarian and the farmer-client can be in either a conversation or a written consent form signed by both veterinarian and client.

This agreement is the foundation for quality veterinary medicine and animal care. It ensures the farmer-client has access to safe, quality veterinary medicine including appropriate medications and treatments.

Why is it important to have a VCPR?

Proper use of drugs is one of the most important tasks for a farmer who raises livestock and produces livestock products. Consumers depend on farmers to produce safe, wholesome, uncontaminated quality products and to treat the environment and animals with great care. Producing contaminated products can have real world consequences. For example, milk contaminated with antibiotics can cause allergic reactions in people with antibiotic allergies, it can inhibit good bacteria important for yogurt and cheese formation and contribute to decreased efficacy of antibiotics in treating diseases of animals and people through antibiotic resistance.

What is my role in the VCPR?

I accept and follow my veterinarian's advice and recommendations.