

Off-license Medicines

What are they?

Medicines that our farm vets use are licensed for specific species for which the dose, potential side effects and withdrawal times are known. If there is not a product licensed in a species which we need to use we can administer it after fulfilling a number of criteria under the "medicines cascade". This is called using a medicine "off-license".

What do I do if a product is not licensed for my animals?

There may not be a license for the use of certain medicine for the species of animal that you have, for example there are very few medicines licensed in goats.

We can assess the situation and after following the medicines cascade prescribe off license medicines when appropriate.

What if one of my animals is given an off-license product?

Your vet will discuss the benefits and the potential risks of using an off license product on your animal. Once you have decided to use the product, your vet will ask you to sign a form to confirm that you understand that the product is off license.

What is a withdrawal period?

In order to ensure that products do not enter the human food chain, you must ensure you follow withdrawal periods for products.

If a product is not licensed then there will not be withdrawal periods in place. So the minimum withdrawals for unlicensed products are:

- 28days for meat
- 7 days for milk
- 7 days for eggs

The above are the minimum withdrawal periods and your vet will advise you on what the withdrawal period should be on the medicine that they are prescribing.

Call Drove Farm Vets for more information or with any concerns:

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