

# Custom Pet Meds

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Q:** *What is compounding?*

**A:** Any manipulation of a drug is considering compounding. This might including flavoring, mixing, concentrating, dilution and changing the dosage or application based on your pet's needs.

### **Q:** *How does it work?*

**A:** Think of it this way, would your dog rather swallow a large, medicinal-tasting pill or a bacon-flavored treat? Compounding makes your pet's medicine easier to administer and means less worry about them missing a dose.

### **Q:** *Why would my pet need custom medications?*

**A:** There are several scenarios that make compounding a good fit. Often, a pet needs a medication that is only available in pill form but refuses to take them. We may be able to compound the medicine into a liquid, injectable solution, ear drop or skin-penetrating gel. Additionally, if your pet is taking a number of prescriptions, we may be able to combine them into a single dose.

### **Q:** *Is it safe?*

**A:** Although it's best to use an FDA approved drug, that's not always possible and custom prescriptions play an important role in pet health. Compounding is done using modified versions of FDA approved medications, following federal and state rules. By law, your veterinarian must prescribe a compounded medication for your pet and then we're happy to make it happen.

### **Q:** *Is compounding only available for cats and dogs?*

**A:** No. Many other pets can benefit from compounding including birds, horses, rabbits, reptiles, aquarium animals and more! We'll work with your veterinarian to determine the best medication for your faithful friend.



## Locations:

 **Plaza Pharmacy**  
KEN'S SUPERFAIR FOODS  
**605.225.6344**

 **State Street Pharmacy**  
AVERA STATE STREET  
MEDICAL SQUARE  
**605.225.1945**

 **United Clinic Pharmacy**  
SANFORD  
ABERDEEN CLINIC  
**605.225.4001**

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