

**Drug Information, a Public Good**



*Remember drugs can be dangerous if not used properly in animal production,*

*Be vigilant about your health, your animal's health and that of others!*

***"Safe Drugs Save Lives"***



**NATIONAL DRUG AUTHORITY (NDA)** was established by an Act of Parliament Chapter 206 (Laws of Uganda 2000 Edition) to regulate drug manufacturing and importation of quality human and veterinary medicines and other health related products in Uganda.

As a custodian of ensuring guaranteed animal health and production, NDA advises the public to avoid the following poor practices in animal production:

1. Farmers buying drugs and treating animals without consulting veterinarians.
2. Buying drugs from unlicensed drug outlets, unqualified drug outlet operators, open markets, and hawkers.
3. Repackaging and mixing of different veterinary drugs
4. Using expired, spoilt, and adulterated drugs in feeds and in treating animals.

5. Giving wrong drugs, wrong dosage and using wrong routes of drug administration.
6. Administering human drugs to animals through feeds, water, injections, etc.
7. Indulging in counterfeiting of drugs
8. Poor storage conditions for drugs
9. Not observing drug withdrawal periods before milking or slaughtering of animals for human consumption endangering human health.
10. Using veterinary drugs to treat human illness.
11. Improper disposal of expired, spoilt and unused veterinary drugs.
12. Misleading veterinary drug advertisements on radios.

Please note that our mission is:  
*"To ensure quality, safety and efficacy of human and veterinary medicines and other Health Care Products through the regulation and control of their Production, Importation, Distribution and Use"*

**For guaranteed animal health and production the public is advised to follow the following good practices.**

1. Buy drugs from NDA licensed Veterinary drug outlets.
2. Seek veterinarians' advice before buying drugs for treating your animals
3. Always read label instructions regarding dosage, how, when to administer, and for how long, and storage conditions.
4. Check for the manufacturer name, country of origin, manufacture and expiry dates and batch numbers.
5. Report all suspected drug effects e.g. contaminated products lack of effect, poor labeling, adulterations to NDA.
6. Always keep medicines out of reach of children.

**Unethical advertising of veterinary drugs in the media**

Of recent there have been very many unscrupulous people fleecing the unsuspecting public through

advertising of veterinary drugs on the radios and use of other media.

The public is advised to shun these unethical practitioners due to:

1. Misinformation with outrageous claims leading to poor decision-making and late reporting of illnesses to veterinarians.
2. Wasting income on unverifiable benefits.
3. Outrageous claims of products.
4. Hawking products with questionable quality due to the harsh conditions like direct sunlight, rain.

**Detecting quack veterinary drug outlet operators**

*The public is requested to note the following:*

1. They do not publicly display their annual and suitability of premises licenses in their outlets.
2. They receive money without asking for qualified animal health professional's prescription notes.

3. They do not know what the medicine you want is supposed to treat.

4. They do not know how the drug is supposed to be administered, e.g. amount of drug, time interval and number of days.

5. They do not explain to you the medicine side effects and what to do when they occur?

6. They do not want you to check the manufacturer's name, country of origin, expiry dates and batch numbers of the medicine you are buying.

7. They do not record what is being sold to you or give a receipt.

8. They operate in unhygienic environment, e.g. open markets and hawking.

If you identify any of the above and for more information, please contact the National Drug Authority on the addresses below.

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