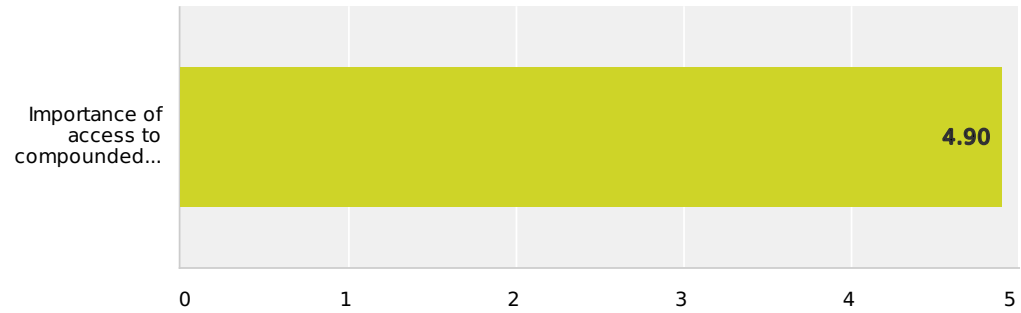


Q1 How important to your practice is having access to compounded medications when you believe they are necessary?

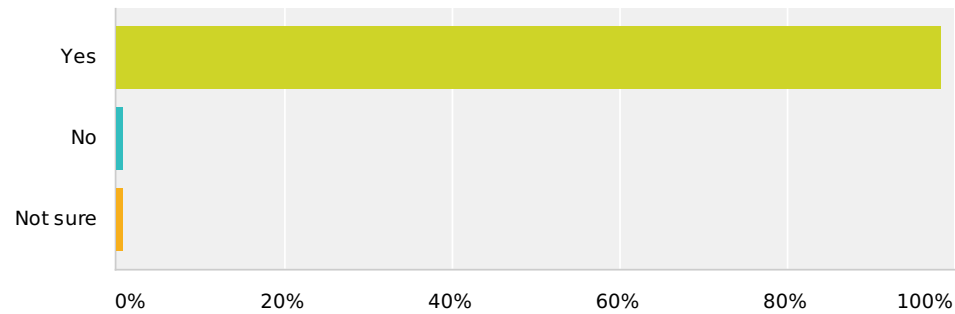
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	Very Important	Important	Neither Important nor Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Not at all Important	Total	Average Rating
Importance of access to compounded medications	91.15% 937	8.27% 85	0.19% 2	0.29% 3	0.10% 1	1,028	4.90

Q2 Some say that veterinarians often do not realize they are using a compounded medication. When you administer, dispense, order or prescribe a medication, do you know when you are using a compounded medication?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	98.44%	1,009
No	0.78%	8
Not sure	0.78%	8
Total		1,025

Feel free to say more about your answer. (234)

#	Feel free to say more about your answer.	Date
1	TO SAY YOU DONOT KNOW IS REDICULOUS	5/22/2013 5:13 PM
2	Are they kidding????? Do they think veterinarians are ignorant of the medications we dispense from our pharmacy and do not realize what is manufactured and what is compounded? They must be part of a special interest lobby!	5/20/2013 10:09 PM
3	I work with wildlife and order compounded medications more often than retail manufactured ones.	5/20/2013 8:14 PM
4	generalized a specialized request or replacement for out of stock	5/20/2013 11:14 AM
5	I order them specifically.	5/20/2013 8:49 AM

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6	Of course I know that I am using or prescribed a compounded medication! I need to dispense or prescribe compounded medications because formulations that I need are not commercially available.	5/19/2013 3:18 PM
7	I specifically order compounded medications for specific purposes. I am VERY aware of when I am using a compounded medication.	5/19/2013 12:23 PM
8	Of course a veterinarian is aware of the medication being compounded. When the medication is ordered from a medical supplier it is obvious the origin of the medication. If there is a for-instance where a veterinarian is unsure of the origin of medication - or if it is compounded, that professional should not use it!	5/18/2013 9:18 PM
9	We have specific flavors compounded for our feline patients.	5/18/2013 7:29 PM
10	The Veterinarian are very knowledgeable on the medications and the forms they come in. It is often requested to special order compounds for specific patients/ treatments.	5/18/2013 1:13 PM
11	There are specific combinations that are very effective and have been perfected via experience. They are not available in any way on the market.	5/18/2013 12:37 PM
12	In my experience veterinarians have been more aware than my physicians regarding compounded medications.	5/18/2013 11:10 AM
13	I order all medications.	5/18/2013 7:21 AM
14	Veterinarians aren't ignorant, of course we know when a medication is compounded. However, does the general public, likely many do not - no fault of theirs, they simply lack the training to make the determination.	5/18/2013 12:26 AM
15	Since I usually order it compounded, naturally I would know if it was!	5/17/2013 11:44 PM
16	You must be kidding. I can't possibly think that anyone in my profession doesn't know if they are using a compounded drug.	5/17/2013 5:45 PM
17	We use compounded medications specifically for their formulations and flavors so that administration is easier for owners and pets.	5/17/2013 4:58 PM
18	Of course I know if a medication I am using is compounded or not. When I administer, dispense, order or prescribe any medication or product, I know exactly what it is, where it came from and who makes it, compounded or not. This is the only way we (i.e., veterinarians) practice. Whoever came up with the thought that we (i.e., veterinarians) would not know that a medication we are using is compounded is extremely mis-informed, has some political agenda, or is just flat-out ignorant. Who in the world thinks that? You gotta be kidding me.	5/17/2013 4:03 PM
19	Most common usages: bromide for seizure disorders; liquid medications for difficult-to-dose cats; cyclosporinophthalmic preps for keratoconjunctivitis sicca for dogs	5/17/2013 3:42 PM
20	We always know exactly what is a compounded medication, there is no question in our office	5/17/2013 11:33 AM
21	Compounded medications need to be ordered specifically, so this statement is absurd.	5/17/2013 11:25 AM
22	Certain concentrations are not appropriate for exotics or light weight animals & must be compounded.	5/17/2013 10:53 AM
23	When we order compounded meds we order them specifically because the owner can not get them into the patient in pill form or the medication is not commercially available or on back order.	5/17/2013 9:59 AM
24	Yes, I order a specific compounded medication and formulation for a specific patient and disease process. It is the only method to get the medication in some patients to control their disease.	5/17/2013 9:29 AM
25	Most of the compounded medications I use involve the addition of flavorings or a change in the consistency. For instance, drugs that would normally be dispensed in pill form are put in a flavored liquid to be given orally, or even in a transdermal preparation. There are a lot of animals that simply cannot be medicated using pills or capsules.	5/17/2013 9:23 AM
26	I think veterinarians know when they are ordering medications as to if they are compounded or not.	5/17/2013 1:33 AM

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27	Whenever I order a medication that is compounded the first time I speak directly to the compounding Pharmacist. I like to be sure what is being compounded and that it is what my patient needs.	5/16/2013 11:58 PM
28	Of course I know it is compounded because I specially order it for specific animals. I also tell the owners.	5/16/2013 11:04 PM
29	Although I may not know every time I use compounded meds.	5/16/2013 10:32 PM
30	compounded medication as is dispensing a commercial medication even in a bottle other than what that medication came in, is "off label" use of this medication. Many times---most of the time veterinarians buy a commercial product in a large volume and then dispense part of this out to an individual patient. That is, as I understand it, "off label." I use and order compounded medications for the following reasons: No commercial product is currently available (this is complicated with the ever increasing frequency of back orders/commercial product is unavailable, dosage/concentration of the commercial product is not appropriate for the patient, patient can't or won't take the commercial product due to taste, form of the medication, ect. I don't and will not have a medication compounded if there is a viable commercial product available on the market that the patient will accept. In my practice, it is and never will be a cost cutting issue i.e. just to save money of the cost of the medication. I fully respect the manufacturers of the commercial medications and realize the cost they incurred to get the product approved and in the market. However, there are circumstances with individual patients where there is no way that patient is going to be adequately treated with the commercial product for the reasons I described above. If you think this is a cop out then you try treating a 1000 pound horse with a paste product twice a day versus a powdered compounded product. Some horse's just don't like and will violently object to having a paste administered orally, yet don't object to a powdered form of the medication mixed in with feed. That is but one example of why compounding is beneficial to the horse, the owner of the horse and the veterinarian.	5/16/2013 8:54 PM
31	Ugh!	5/16/2013 6:44 PM
32	Occasionally a drug that has been backordered is ordered from a compounder by the staff and the doctor is not notified of the change in manufacturer by the staff prior to administration	5/16/2013 6:25 PM
33	I always am fully aware	5/16/2013 6:22 PM
34	"Compounded medication", to me, represents a generic form of a drug or a specific formulation (different dosage, alternate form--powder, liquid, capsule, etc.) that is not already commercially prepared and/or available.	5/16/2013 6:20 PM
35	I specifically call a compounder for specific needs that cant be met by regular pharmaceuticals	5/16/2013 5:26 PM
36	I am fully aware of the pedigree of any drug and it's origin when I stock it or order it myself. It is only the origin of medications from online pharmacies that are beyond my control or ability to verify	5/16/2013 5:12 PM
37	At least I THINK I know when I am using a compounded medication. Perhaps I don't know. But I realize most brand names are NOT compounded and anything formulated (especially liquid, transdermal, etc) is likely compounded.	5/16/2013 4:48 PM
38	We tend to use compounded medications only when the size or method of delivery doesn't suit the owner, as they generally are more expensive this is not our first choice for the client	5/16/2013 4:32 PM
39	How in the world could I prescribe a compounded med and not realize it is compounded? That's preposterous!	5/16/2013 3:55 PM
40	We order compounded medications from compounding pharmacists, so we are always well-aware of when they are compounded.	5/16/2013 3:36 PM
41	I would say that it is plausible some staff are occasionally unaware that certain medications are compounded, however veterinarians are (or should be) always aware.	5/16/2013 2:48 PM
42	after 9 years of college, I would hope to know what I prescribed. (Are they going to tell me that a beurocrat 700 miles away knows and I don't) ???????. I think that offends me..... can I sue?	5/16/2013 2:35 PM

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43	Yes, market demand dictates whether effective meds are manufactured by large pharma co. That impacts my ability to treat my patients. Thankfully, compound pharmacies offer me options that clearly have a very positive on my ability to care for my patients. Further, given my level of education and training, I find it insulting for the government to take a "parental" role in this matter. The FDA would be more effective if it regulated access of pharmaceuticals to the layperson who clearly does not understand the ramifications of meds they currently have access to.	5/16/2013 2:24 PM
44	All medications in my practice are prescribed and dispensed through the veterinarian with full knowledge of their source including compounded medications.	5/16/2013 2:17 PM
45	I specifically seek out compounded medications for certain purposes. Most of the time I use drugs that are not compounded, due to easy access to many common medications, but from time to time, there is not a suitable medication or form of the medication, for a smaller animal, and compounded drugs become necessary. I really don't see how a veterinarian would not know that they are using a compounded medication.	5/16/2013 2:16 PM
46	Obviously I know it's compounded.	5/16/2013 2:02 PM
47	We have medications compounded frequently due to the fact that different size pets require specific dosage amounts that are not readily available. With out the compounded medications these patients would not be able to be medicated.	5/16/2013 2:01 PM
48	Of course we do. We have to order it from a specialized compounding pharmacy.	5/16/2013 1:45 PM
49	I have an exotics/avian practice as well and compound a lot of medications.	5/16/2013 1:30 PM
50	As there are not many medications approved for use in cats, many of our medications are compounded in a different strength or different form for ease of administration. Many cats are difficult to administer a tablet to. Things like smaller tablets, film coating or trans dermal forms make treating cats much better for the owner and more humane for the cat.	5/16/2013 1:29 PM
51	All the veterinarian in our practice are very aware of the medications prescribed.	5/16/2013 1:27 PM
52	We know what we are prescribing. That statement is an INSULT to all hardworking professional veterinarians.	5/16/2013 1:14 PM
53	I specifically have to call a compounding pharmacy to get a compounded drug so I'm not sure who doesn't know when they are using a compounded drug. That doesn't make sense.	5/16/2013 1:08 PM
54	Our management staff, technicians, and veterinarians communicate about which meds are compounded.	5/16/2013 1:04 PM
55	When medications are on backorder we know the medication is compounded. The label, bottle and strength are also an important indicator.	5/16/2013 1:00 PM
56	If it is ordered legally, it is clearly labeled... this opinion is completely wrong...	5/16/2013 12:44 PM
57	Compounded medications are a critical part of our practice when treating only cats.	5/16/2013 12:26 PM
58	We use 2 different compounding pharmacies for our supplies and the medications are clearly labelled with the compounded pharmacies name. You'd have to be an idiot not to notice it (most veterinarians are not idiots).	5/16/2013 12:25 PM
59	I cannot imagine being stupid enough to not know.	5/16/2013 12:20 PM
60	Compounded medications, because they are specific to the immediate use, cause less stress to the animals.	5/16/2013 12:19 PM
61	I work in several practices. Compounded medications are always clearly marked as such.	5/16/2013 12:12 PM
62	We need to be able to get the EXACT dosage in the form that the patient animal will take readily.	5/16/2013 11:46 AM
63	Of course we know when we are using a compounded medication!	5/16/2013 11:46 AM

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64	Unfettered access to compounded medications enables our veterinarians to provide the very best medicine to our patients based on their individual needs. Animals are not people, and they won't follow directions like a person would. They will not consume the medically necessary drugs that we prescribe unless they are highly palatable. Forcing veterinarians to only use those medications available from large pharmaceutical monopolies in the relatively few dosages and consumable forms that they manufacture damages our patients ability to recover quickly.	5/16/2013 11:31 AM
65	I am flabbergasted by the statement that veterinarians do not realize they are using compounded medication. I specifically order in compounded medications when needed and am fully aware of my use of compounded medications.	5/16/2013 11:29 AM
66	We have to order it specifically. I don't know how anybody would not be aware they are using compounded meds!	5/16/2013 11:22 AM
67	When I need a compounded medication, I specifically seek out a pharmacy that is accredited to do such work. Most often, I am using a compounded medication because no commercially acceptable alternative exists for the situation facing my particular patient and client.	5/16/2013 11:19 AM
68	Honestly, you would have to be pretty dense not to know.	5/16/2013 11:15 AM
69	I am usually the one having to compound medication because a patient can't or won't take it, or the owner can't give it due to the format. Also human drugs that we commonly use are often not in small enough dosage sizes, so this is a necessity.	5/16/2013 11:00 AM
70	Big pharma pulls drugs because they work too well or the meds are too cost effective ie not enough profits for Pfizer . This common nonsense must stop. And since no one will do anything about the monopoly that big pharma has on medicine, compounded meds are one of the only checks and balances we have on this disgusting and profit driven industry.	5/16/2013 10:59 AM
71	I need compounded medication for my very small patients- be they Chihuahua's or small cats	5/16/2013 10:54 AM
72	I personally request compounding or compounded medications for all my patients, so I always know!	5/16/2013 10:52 AM
73	Of course I do as do ALL Veterinarians. What people think we are that stupid?	5/16/2013 10:49 AM
74	I think it is important to use approved products for the vast majority of my needs, and do so. I think it is illegal for compounders to manufacture copies (whether they be the same form or a similar form) of approved drugs and sell them for lower prices than the approved drugs. These copies have no guarantees to even work and I have experienced them not working and know many others have as well.	5/16/2013 10:45 AM
75	It is obvious that you are using a compounded medicine. Labels are completely different then manufactured products and you know you ordered it that way	5/16/2013 10:43 AM
76	Compounded medications are requested for very small species (birds, pocket pets) or when medication delivery needs to be altered (cats that can't be pillled).	5/16/2013 10:37 AM
77	In our practice, compounded medications are used as a last resort and require research and ordering through reputable compounding pharmacies. These prescriptions are not typically ordered through a drug manufacturer. In the rare case that they are it is clearly described when ordering and label upon receipt that it is a compounded drug. It would be extremely difficult to confuse this issue.	5/16/2013 10:32 AM
78	Compounded medications are ordered and labeled differently from manufactured medications. They are ordered specifically because there is not another option either from a drug availability issue or an patient administration issue. (some animals simply cannot not be pillled either on a short term or long term basis.	5/16/2013 10:22 AM
79	Compounded medications are always clearly labeled and have to be specifically ordered. They appear different from mass produced medications in almost every way	5/16/2013 10:15 AM
80	I know they are compounded because I am specifically ordering them from a compounding pharmacy.	5/16/2013 10:10 AM
81	Of course I know. If I order it from a compounding pharmacy, it is compounded!	5/16/2013 10:10 AM

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82	I am thoroughly aware of which medications are labeled for the species I treat, and which medications I have to go "off label". With this in mind, I am also aware of which medications are off label and are made in dose sizes that are not applicable to the species I treat.	5/16/2013 9:56 AM
83	We compound meds for many reasons including altering palatability and tailoring doses more specifically for a patient's needs.	5/16/2013 9:36 AM
84	any medication that is altered from its original form is compounding, even cutting pills.	5/16/2013 9:22 AM
85	If we choose to use a compounded medication we do so because there is not availability of the non-compounded medication, or we need it in a different form.	5/16/2013 9:21 AM
86	I have no idea how a veterinarian could not know this information.	5/16/2013 9:17 AM
87	For small animal practice it is pretty obvious when we use compounded meds.	5/16/2013 9:16 AM
88	How could you not know? Seriously....	5/16/2013 9:14 AM
89	I don't know how I would not know it is compounded when I ordered it specifically from a compounding pharmacy.	5/16/2013 9:12 AM
90	"Do not realize..."? that makes absolutely no sense! How can I not realize that something I special ordered from a compounding pharmacy is not a compounded medication?	5/16/2013 9:07 AM
91	As doctors of veterinary medicine, we are fully aware when we select a compounded medication for our patients. We inform our clients of the potential risks with every medication that is prescribed; we perform that duty with compounded medications just as we do medications from other sources. In the practice of medicine, we weigh multiple factors in every prescribing decision we make.	5/16/2013 9:04 AM
92	I wouldn't be using them if there wasn't a shortage of available proprietary medication in appropriate dose strengths for my patients.	5/16/2013 8:53 AM
93	only a complete idiot would not be aware if he/she were using a compounded product.	5/16/2013 8:52 AM
94	That claim is wildly inaccurate. We have to order a compounded medications from a compounding pharmacy. Of course, we know it's compounded.	5/16/2013 8:42 AM
95	I only use compounded drugs when I have nothing comparable already available or in a form the pets - especially cats - will take. So I am always well aware of the nature of the medication I am using or prescribing to my patients.	5/16/2013 8:42 AM
96	in exotics it is often difficult to have medication that is the right dosage or strength for the animal that requires immediate treatment- when writing a perscription to be filled by a compounding pharmacy and have it sent to the pet it can take up to 5 days- by that time the the pet has finished 1/2 of the treatment course....	5/16/2013 12:30 AM
97	We always try. to use the non compounded medications first and as best as possible.	5/16/2013 12:18 AM
98	Compounding helps with tiny patients for whom there are no manufactured equivalents.	5/15/2013 11:50 PM
99	Of course I know, I have ordered the drug from a reputable compounding pharmacy such as Wedgewood	5/15/2013 8:55 PM
100	Especially useful for cats and small dogs. I know it's compounded because I ordered it that way!	5/15/2013 5:40 PM
101	we must order compounded meds specially for a specific patient, usually when a "brand name" med is not available to fit the patient's needs--therefore, it would be very difficult NOT to know that the med was compounded	5/15/2013 5:21 PM
102	Of course I know when I prescribe any medication, and where it comes from, and how it is used.	5/15/2013 4:42 PM
103	compounded meds are only available from a compounding pharmacy	5/15/2013 4:28 PM
104	We call and order the medication from a compounding pharmacy, so if we didn't realize we were using compounded meds we shouldn't be practicing medicine!	5/15/2013 4:08 PM

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105	Absolutely, we use them because we have no other options for our pets.	5/15/2013 3:53 PM
106	When I use a compounding pharmacy, I assume I am getting a compounded medication.	5/15/2013 2:05 PM
107	We respect compounders' labeling, and note it when administering.	5/15/2013 1:53 PM
108	This is amazing to me. I do believe that veterinarians know when we purchase a drug from a supplier vs. a compounder	5/15/2013 12:02 PM
109	Who says this??	5/15/2013 11:56 AM
110	We order compounded medications either due to commercial inavailability and/or to have the correct dose for the patient.	5/15/2013 11:44 AM
111	We should always know wether compounded or not as we are ordering these medications from the pharmacy, and not changing them once received.	5/15/2013 11:30 AM
112	We order compounded medications from a compounding pharmacy. Other medications are ordered from a distributor - the difference is very clear.	5/15/2013 10:36 AM
113	I buy the medications that I know are compounded because that is the only way I can get them for certain animals and conditions	5/15/2013 10:26 AM
114	Our clinic will prescribe to a patient medication that is not available for purchase from our distributor. We have had several medications that have been on backorder and not commercially available.	5/15/2013 10:18 AM
115	We are medical professionals that take an active role in where we order our medications. We know the difference between a compounding pharmacy and a medical distributor.	5/15/2013 10:11 AM
116	It is completely obvious when using compounded medication!!!!	5/15/2013 10:03 AM
117	I do not see any way that a veterinarian could not know that they were using a compounded product	5/15/2013 9:59 AM
118	Our clients are advised and the option presented to them for use of a compounded drug when appropriate and required for the best medical outcome.	5/15/2013 9:51 AM
119	we compound medications for ease of administration and dosing since some of the smaller sizes commercially available can not be accurately dosed or administered	5/15/2013 9:45 AM
120	It is important for a veterinarian to find the easiest form of medication an owner can administer safely to an animal.	5/15/2013 9:41 AM
121	When you have to call a compounding pharmacy to order - you know it is compounded.	5/15/2013 9:17 AM
122	This is ridiculous! You would have to be blind and stupid to not know.	5/15/2013 8:47 AM
123	That statement is idiotic!	5/15/2013 8:15 AM
124	Each medication on our pharmacy shelves within our veterinary hospital is stored in its original container, whether it comes from a pharmacy, veterinary distributor, or compounding pharmacy. They are all clearly labeled and easy to read, therefore it is not difficult to quickly find out if something has been compounded. Furthermore, our entire hospital and database is electronic, including prescriptions. Each medication is named with detail, and is labeled as "compounded" if so. Lastly, we have specific trained pharmacy staff that can answer any doctor's or tech's questions about any medication, as well as a Pharmacy Manager.	5/15/2013 7:48 AM
125	How can you not know you are using a compounded Rx...it has to be ordered	5/15/2013 7:46 AM
126	I am always aware of medication being compounded, whether it is an individual order for a particular patient or an inpatient product we stock in the hospital.	5/15/2013 7:26 AM

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127	There is NO reason why a competent veterinarian would be "unaware" that he or she is using a compounded medication. Typically the veterinarian is the individual who is requesting the compounding, and we work closely with those performing the compounding to make sure that the correct dose, etc. is being prescribed, whether the compounding is being performed by staff in the hospital, or by an outside pharmacy.	5/15/2013 7:19 AM
128	Without compounded products being FREELY available as needed without arbitrary restrictions applied, I would have realized the absolute absence of some medications due to proprietary production shut downs of critical medications in recent years. Compounders are a critical gap filler when our regular medications go on short or long term hiatus due to production disruptions.	5/14/2013 11:37 PM
129	It is very obvious because I am usually ordering it.	5/14/2013 11:19 PM
130	There are specific reasons as to why I reach for a compounded medication versus and commercially available drug, including taste and formulation for easier administration to a difficult animal and also to have a different concentration that allows for more accurate dosing for the animal instead of splitting tablets or giving an extremely minute amount that I cannot with confidence say the animal received the medication.	5/14/2013 11:11 PM
131	One would hope after going through as many years of school as veterinarians do they would know what medications they are using and for what purpose. The attending veterinarian is the most knowledgeable party when it comes to diagnosing and dispensing medication in whatever form for the patient.	5/14/2013 11:09 PM
132	Who are these "SOME"? I know it's a compounded medication because I specifically tailored a dose & requested a specific carrier/form of the med and then ordered it from the COMPOUNDING pharmacy.	5/14/2013 10:52 PM
133	I always know when the medication that I use or dispense has been compounded.	5/14/2013 10:48 PM
134	intentionally use compounded medications because my patients are small (cats) and many of the drugs I need for my patients are not manufactured in the dosage forms that I need for my patients	5/14/2013 10:18 PM
135	I need these medications and rely on respected pharmacies to compound it to get the desired strength and method to be able to administer it to an animal.	5/14/2013 10:17 PM
136	I feel like this is an obvious answer, and the question or rather what some say is insulting.	5/14/2013 10:16 PM
137	I do not use compounded meds if there is a pre made product available.	5/14/2013 9:57 PM
138	Duh! I have to order it from a compounding pharmacy...!	5/14/2013 9:56 PM
139	I would think it extremely unusual for a veterinarian not to know when they were using a compounded medications. In fact I really cannot imagine it at all.	5/14/2013 9:47 PM
140	That is absolutely ridiculous to suggest that we would not know that a product we were using was compounded.	5/14/2013 9:44 PM
141	Of course I know.	5/14/2013 9:38 PM
142	I think it is obvious when we use compounded drugs.	5/14/2013 9:37 PM
143	We use compounded medications only when non compounded medications are not available or not in dose or flavors which allow us to treat our varied patients.	5/14/2013 9:30 PM
144	the availability of these products is essential to the health & well being of our patients. clients also appreciate the affordability factor	5/14/2013 9:26 PM
145	To think I don't understand what medications I am prescribing is preposterous and an insult to veterinarians as a whole.	5/14/2013 9:11 PM
146	This is a ridiculous question - I specify explicitly on the prescription that I need a compounded size or method of administration. I only compound when manufactured meds will not work.	5/14/2013 9:00 PM

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147	We special order almost all compounded medications for each individual case.	5/14/2013 8:21 PM
148	In the veterinary field we have patients that range from less than a pound to 2000 pounds and many times to get them the medicine that they need, in a form that they can take, or will take, or that their parents can administer requires thinking outside the box.	5/14/2013 8:20 PM
149	How could you not know?	5/14/2013 8:08 PM
150	We specifically order compounded medications from a compounding pharmacy, using a written prescription.	5/14/2013 7:48 PM
151	We have many animals that will only take compounded medication, either because of flavor or owners are unable to pill an animal.	5/14/2013 6:50 PM
152	Usually yes although there may be products that are compounded that i am not aware of. The compounded products that i do use are vert important to my practice	5/14/2013 6:40 PM
153	Usually standard pharmaceutical companies only make a certain size and it is a human size- with animals they often need a smaller mg dose and compounding pharmacies can create that dose for us.	5/14/2013 6:26 PM
154	When I order/dispense a compounded medication from a compounding company I know that it has been compounded!	5/14/2013 5:56 PM
155	I definitely know since I order them from compounding pharmacies! How could I not?	5/14/2013 5:47 PM
156	There is absolutely no doubt when a product has been compounded rather than purchased as a commercially available product.	5/14/2013 5:46 PM
157	Normally, we are the ones specifically ordering a compounded medication. It is easily determined which medications are compounded.	5/14/2013 5:40 PM
158	i know it is compounded when i order it from a compounder	5/14/2013 5:37 PM
159	How could a prescriber NOT know it's compounded?? When I order specialized formulations from a compounding pharmacy, I know that it is not an medication carrying "FDA" approval.	5/14/2013 5:30 PM
160	absoloutely, compounded medication are special order in our practice	5/14/2013 5:22 PM
161	Sometimes I may use a compounded medication without realizing it.	5/14/2013 5:17 PM
162	I usually only go to compounded medication for an ease of use issue - like for smaller dosages or different forms ie liquid or transdermal to allow clients to administer medication more reliably.	5/14/2013 5:17 PM
163	I'm not sure how you could say we didn't know? We speak to a compounding pharmacy to order the medication.	5/14/2013 4:59 PM
164	All medications are compounded somewhere~!!!!!!	5/14/2013 4:48 PM
165	We specifically have meds compounded for the ease of administration to pets when other routes of administration are not possible.	5/14/2013 4:48 PM
166	it's usually my idea to order the compounded drug	5/14/2013 4:27 PM
167	We order compounded medications for a patient based on the need to combine medications for ease in administration, to change the type of delivery that can be used (liquid vs tablet/capsule), to adjust doses for small patients, and to provide special flavoring or transdermal applications. Each is a special order. Of course we know when we are using them.	5/14/2013 4:22 PM
168	Very silly to think we would not know that.	5/14/2013 4:20 PM
169	I can't imagine anyone not knowing. I don't believe that claim was made in earnest.	5/14/2013 4:19 PM
170	Many times the veterinarian asks for specific drugs to be compounded to make a specific medication.	5/14/2013 4:13 PM
171	How could you NOT realize it!	5/14/2013 3:54 PM

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172	A compounding pharmacist told me that T3 was levothyroxin. I've noticed that many compounded drugs are counted out of a purchased bottle by an employee who knows little to nothing pharmaceuticals.	5/14/2013 3:52 PM
173	The only time clients are ever given a compounded medication is when one is scripted by me. There has never been a time when compounded medications have been switched for regular. I would not think that is even possible.	5/14/2013 3:47 PM
174	Most medications need to be reduced in strength for small animals. I use this type of medication on a daily basis.	5/14/2013 3:46 PM
175	Many medications must be compounded due to dosing requirements and/or palatability issues. This is of particular concern for our feline patients.	5/14/2013 3:41 PM
176	It is my job and responsibility to know about the medications I use for animals.	5/14/2013 3:38 PM
177	Some medication can be very difficult or impossible for owners to administer, especially in cats. These meds need to be compounded for exact dosage and need to be flavored so the owner will actually get the medicine into the pet.	5/14/2013 3:37 PM
178	The veterinarian orders it, obviously we know its getting compounded.	5/14/2013 3:30 PM
179	Often times the human formulations are either to large a strength or to small a strength for our patients and we have to have the proper dose compounded to make it a reasonable amount to administer to pets.	5/14/2013 3:27 PM
180	It is obvious to a professional.	5/14/2013 3:25 PM
181	It is my job as a doctor to know what I prescribe for my patients.	5/14/2013 3:16 PM
182	I call my compounded pharmacist to ask for a compounded product	5/14/2013 3:07 PM
183	We have specific medications compounded because they are not otherwise available in doses small enough to treat small animals	5/14/2013 3:07 PM
184	I went to school for 8 years to get a DVM degree and then spent a year in university internship. The concept that I wouldn't know what I was prescribing is extremely insulting. I had a number of federal loans to pay for my education...so does the Federal government think my education is so inferior that they wasted money on it?	5/14/2013 2:59 PM
185	I order from Wedgewood and know anything from there is compounded	5/14/2013 2:56 PM
186	We treat fish,birds,reptiles,mammals of all sizes, and compounding makes treatment options more user friendly. The different flavors also make it easier to treat animals that we cannot restrain and they have to take treatments voluntary.	5/14/2013 2:50 PM
187	Without question. I have a hard time taking seriously someone who makes such a statement as is contained in this question.	5/14/2013 2:48 PM
188	We only go with compounded medicines when either the commercially produced drug is no longer available or the strength of the drug needs to be made in much smaller doses or if the client is unable to either pill or feed in food, many times we use transdermal delivery to solve the problem.	5/14/2013 2:47 PM
189	How would you not know it was compounded?	5/14/2013 2:45 PM
190	I always know when I am using a compounded medication. Compounded medications are usually requested for ease of client use to increase compliance.	5/14/2013 2:43 PM
191	We prescribe a compounded medication only through a compounding pharamacy.	5/14/2013 2:43 PM
192	I think that is fairly obvious to any educated veterinarian.	5/14/2013 2:41 PM
193	Most of the time at least. There are still ones that you do not realize until later after you have been purchasing it for a bit.	5/14/2013 2:38 PM
194	I always know if I have ordered a compounded medication and I know if I am using a generic or brand medication as well.	5/14/2013 2:37 PM

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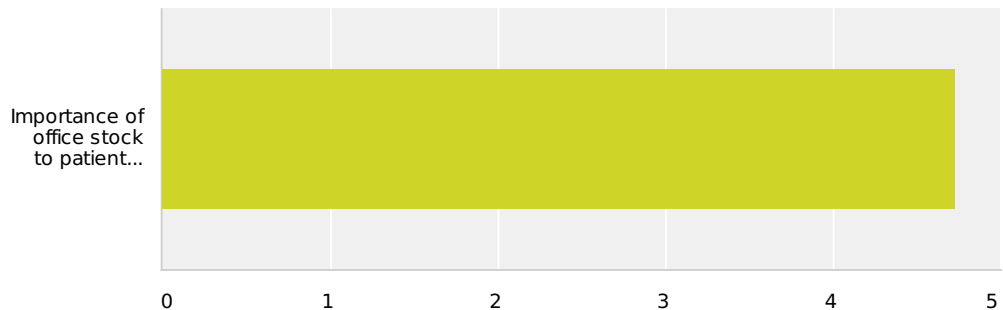
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195	There are several drugs that we special order as compounded to achieve a specific dosing range or to provide treatment that is no longer available commercially.	5/14/2013 2:37 PM
196	I believe that I am aware.	5/14/2013 2:36 PM
197	When I go to a compounding pharmacy, I pretty much know I'm getting a compounded drug!	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
198	I am always aware of where of the source of each medication that I administer, prescribe, or dispense. I do not see how anything else would be the case.	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
199	That's the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard!	5/14/2013 2:33 PM
200	I know that when a drug is changed in any way it is considered compounded.	5/14/2013 2:32 PM
201	We absolutely know! We're ordering from a compounding company specifically due to limited market availability and or medication strength.	5/14/2013 2:31 PM
202	Of course we know when we are administering a compounded medication. It is often to obtain a dose that is not available for our patients (as most humans come in a one-size-fits all dosing range and that is what pharmaceutical corporations gear towards).	5/14/2013 2:29 PM
203	We order certain medications from a compounding pharmacy, where every medication is compounded.	5/14/2013 2:28 PM
204	All of our compounded medications used are special order, and as such we always know that they are compounded.	5/14/2013 2:27 PM
205	I intend specifically use compounding medication to ensure proper and full deliverance of medication to my patient, in their own preference of form given.	5/14/2013 2:27 PM
206	Since I have to call it in to a compounding pharmacy, and tailor the dosage (and often flavor) to the pet, I know that it is being mixed up to my specifications	5/14/2013 2:26 PM
207	Veterinary medication requires treating different species at very different patient sizes. In order to dose my patients effectively I need the ability to use compounded medications (i.e. different concentrations with different flavors and routes of administration, etc.).	5/14/2013 2:23 PM
208	Compounded medication is useful and effective in our practice.	5/14/2013 2:22 PM
209	We order and dispense the medication so we know where it comes from and who makes it.	5/14/2013 2:22 PM
210	Yes, absolutely always. Since they come from a different source and need to be ordered separately, I'd say it would be pretty hard to NOT know the medication is compounded. Using meds at a typical private practice is NOT like a physician sending an order to the pharmacy of a large hospital or even off site and having it filled with no knowledge of compounding or not.	5/14/2013 2:21 PM
211	We use compounded medications when there is no viable alternative medication available commercially. Many of the medications used in veterinary medicines are not used in the same way in human medicine and therefore are hard to obtain without compounding.	5/14/2013 2:21 PM
212	The only time I use a compounded medication is if the normal version is too difficult to give (unflavored, tablet vs. liquid, etc).	5/14/2013 2:20 PM
213	We specifically order compounded medications because manufacturers do not make the drug in the strength that we need. We also order compounded medications when we cannot get the drugs we need due to manufacturer's backorders or because they've stopped making a drug (which has been a major problem for the last few years!)	5/14/2013 2:18 PM
214	After graduating from veterinary college, you would have to be an idiot not to know the difference.	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
215	Of course I know it's compounded-- I specifically order & prescribe it that way!	5/14/2013 2:10 PM

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216	I personally order my compounded medications through a reputable compounding pharmacy for each patient when I do not have them in stock, so therefore I always know the medication is a compounded one. If I carry it in stock, I have to order from the same pharmacy, so again, I always know which medication is compounded and which is not.	5/14/2013 2:10 PM
217	We only request compounded medication if it is not available commercially or on manufacture backorder	5/14/2013 2:07 PM
218	many vets in our practice do not realize when our pharmacy is compounding a medication and believe they are prescribing it as FDA approved. this is an important issue that i have to emphasize routinely with my peers.	5/14/2013 2:07 PM
219	this is ridiculous. I order the product, concentration, and even flavor. ALWAYS know it's compounded	5/14/2013 2:06 PM
220	That is one of the most stupid statements I have heard. Who orders compounded medications from a compounding pharmacy and does not know it is compounded? Really.... Who are those people?	5/14/2013 2:05 PM
221	We always know when we are using compounded medication.	5/14/2013 2:05 PM
222	Compounding pharmacies have their own label on bottles so it's pretty obvious it's a compounded medication.	5/14/2013 2:04 PM
223	We can not act in the capacity of a pharmacy so when we dispense a medication that is compounded we have to provide a prescription for it. We do this often!	5/14/2013 2:04 PM
224	Generally when I use a compounded medication, it's one that I've ordered from a compounding pharmacy, either to replace another drug that is not commercially available, or to provide a more palatable form of a needed drug.	5/14/2013 2:03 PM
225	Some of the liquid medications we keep as hospital stock to dispense in smaller amounts are more obvious than some of the pills we dispense in bottles.	5/14/2013 2:03 PM
226	It is very clear from the lable if a medicaiton is manufactured or compounded, as a veterinarian I am very clearly aware the origen of the products I use daily	5/14/2013 2:01 PM
227	I specifically order them.	5/14/2013 2:00 PM
228	How would I NOT know I was using a compounded drug? I have to call it in or request the compounded medication specifically for my patient. We are doctors.. Which typically implies we aren't stupid!	5/14/2013 1:59 PM
229	Sometimes when I buy it from a vet pharmacy, I don't know if it's compounded but trust them!	5/14/2013 1:58 PM
230	Absolutely!!	5/14/2013 1:57 PM
231	If your not sure, you should get you license checked.	5/14/2013 1:54 PM
232	I always know I am using a compounded medication.	5/14/2013 1:52 PM
233	Compounded meds are ordered from pharmacies, not the usual distributors. They are always labeled with a pharmacy label, identifying the source, strength, and formulation, among other details.	5/14/2013 1:51 PM
234	Yada yada	5/14/2013 1:23 PM

Q3 How important to your patients' health and medical outcomes is your ability to maintain office stock of compounded medications?

Answered: 1,024 Skipped: 4



	Very Important	Important	Neither Important nor Unimportant	Somewhat Unimportant	Not At All Important	Total	Average Rating
Importance of office stock to patient health	79.79% 817	15.92% 163	2.93% 30	0.49% 5	0.88% 9	1,024	4.73

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1	TOO MANY DRUG SHORTAGES	5/22/2013 5:13 PM
2	new to have immediate access to some drugs verses the days it takes to get them ordered from a remote source	5/22/2013 12:16 PM
3	I have animals that are too small for the common medications and therefore we have to carry liquid so we can administer the proper dosage. Other animals are extremely difficult to medicate and we have to have different ways to be able to get the medication in the pet-transdermal, liquid, flavored.	5/22/2013 12:11 PM
4	sometimes there is a need to start treatment immediately, before there is time for a compound turnaround	5/22/2013 11:47 AM
5	I live/work in a very rural area. It can be the difference in 5-7 days to start a medication for one of my patients. I never keep very large amounts, just enough to get patients started.	5/21/2013 12:02 AM
6	There are DAILY instances where I would not be able to treat my patients without compounded medications. Either because of size, species, or because the pharmaceutical companies find it no longer profitable to MAKE such medications.	5/20/2013 10:09 PM
7	There are some medications (for example Metronidazole in sizes smaller than 250mg) that we get compounded and are important to have on hand because we treat a lot of small dogs that need quick access to these medications.	5/20/2013 9:35 PM

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8	Critical, the majority of what we do.	5/20/2013 8:14 PM
9	Many patients are too small for the stock strength of certain medications. It is also important to have a variety of formulas (i.e. suspensions, flavored medications) for patients that can be difficult to medicate.	5/20/2013 4:15 PM
10	It is essential to our practice to be able to dispense compounded medications. Many of our feline patients cannot be medicated with pills, and waiting 2 or more days for compounded medications is not acceptable, and would be below the standard of care.	5/20/2013 2:57 PM
11	Certain medications are unavailable for animals at local pharmacies and some pets need these medications upon discharge from the hospital.	5/20/2013 1:22 PM
12	medications are needed immediately, especially for exotics and horses	5/20/2013 11:14 AM
13	Minnesota already doesn't allow "office" stock of compounded medications. This already makes it difficult to get animals treated promptly. It is crucial that compounded forms are available for picky cats, picky dogs, exotics for small sizes and meds not available because of constant government interference with manufacturing and availability especially within the past 2 years	5/20/2013 9:17 AM
14	Often I need to dispense medication and feel it would not be in the patient's best interest to have to wait several days to have the appropriate medication formulated and shipped.	5/20/2013 8:49 AM
15	I use office stock of compounded medications every day in my practice!	5/19/2013 3:18 PM
16	We generally use compounded medications when there is not a viable alternative.	5/19/2013 1:37 PM
17	We are currently not allowed to stock any compounded meds at our corporate practice. This affects patient care and the practice's bottom line.	5/19/2013 1:14 PM
18	Due to large weight range in veterinary medicine compounded medications are a must. Especially with cats and small dogs. Many medications cannot be dosed appropriately in their original form.	5/19/2013 12:47 PM
19	I work in a shelter environment in Colorado. Recent legislation will not allow us to keep an office stock now and we must order per patient which is difficult when the animal may not even still be there by the time we get it ordered and it arrives.	5/19/2013 12:23 PM
20	We have patients who are difficult or impossible to administer tablets to. Compounded medications give me an alternative to tablets with liquid, flavored preparations and compounding into taste treats or transdermals	5/19/2013 9:22 AM
21	It is more important for the client to be able to obtain the compounded medications period. I do a lot of script into pharmacies to reduce the overhead of my practice. As long as the medications are available everyone is happy.	5/18/2013 9:18 PM
22	Many clients are unable to give pills to their cats and require liquid that is flavored so the cat will take it.	5/18/2013 7:29 PM
23	There have been cases in which a day or two delay in obtaining medication that is in a pet usable size would be quite detrimental to the health of the pet.	5/18/2013 5:49 PM
24	When we have medications in stock that gives us the ability to administer to the patient immediately. When we have to place an order it takes a few days for us to receive them, maybe even longer if the weekend interferes with shipping.	5/18/2013 1:13 PM
25	Compound products in smaller amounts for petite patients (eg dewormers, antibiotics) are needed quickly and at safe administrative doses.	5/18/2013 12:37 PM
26	Certain medications are simply not available in appropriate doses without dangerous additives that can kill pets. These patients can not always wait for mail order.	5/18/2013 11:10 AM
27	No other options are available or I cannot afford to purchase in large volume due to the size of my clinic.	5/18/2013 7:21 AM

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28	Why must our patients wait to receive effective treatment? With office stock of compounded medications I can often resolve symptoms and cure disease before a special order can be received and dispensed to the client - wouldn't you want that for yourself, why not our patients, too.	5/18/2013 12:26 AM
29	If it is something that I will use to treat a hospitalized patient or that I want a patient on immediately, naturally I will want to be able to have a compounded medication on premises. If it is something that the owner can have at home to treat their pet, I am fine with them having it sent directly.	5/17/2013 11:44 PM
30	Without compounding we would be unable to prescribe many necessary medications that are not available in dosages appropriate for very small patients such as small dogs and cats.	5/17/2013 9:41 PM
31	Often times, it is the only form of a medication that is tolerated, or the pet owner can apply as in the case of transdermals.	5/17/2013 7:13 PM
32	Many patients need specific sizes that can only be compounded or specific flavors etc in order to administer medications. In some cases, if the owners could not use trans-dermal gels or flavored medications they would elect to euthanize their pets because they cannot give them the appropriate critical medications.	5/17/2013 4:58 PM
33	Many medications are no longer available in commercial forms. Some medications are not used in human medicine any longer so are not manufactured - we have to get them compounded. Also, not too long ago, diazepam was backordered for almost 2 years I think. This medication is life-saving for patients having seizures... so, we had it compounded for in-hospital use.	5/17/2013 4:03 PM
34	different strengths are a huge thing with us when we can't get them from regular distributors	5/17/2013 12:46 PM
35	Often pets need these meds that day, Not in 2-3 days, response can be critical. It is difficult to manage hospitalized patients without meds available	5/17/2013 12:29 PM
36	I treat exotic pets and compounding is mandatory for attaining their drug dosages.	5/17/2013 9:38 AM
37	We often need to start a medication immediately when a diagnosis is made.	5/17/2013 9:29 AM
38	The most common in-stock compounded medication we use is a compounded ear medication. We use it a couple of times a week, at least. We also use compounded buprenorphine in every cat surgical procedure and as an analgesia for cats. We cannot get this important medication in a form that isn't compounded. If we didn't have it, we would not be able to provide pain relief for cats.	5/17/2013 9:23 AM
39	We often need liquids or flavored medication for ease of administration.	5/17/2013 8:44 AM
40	Many animals need immediate treatment and cannot wait for meds to be ordered. However, due to their size or temperament, they often require compounded meds.	5/17/2013 8:30 AM
41	Exotics, felines, etc often require special formulations, dosages, administration methods to effectively treat them. These aren't humans that can swallow a pill. The difficulty in administering medications to certain animals and the tiny doses required for some make compounding critical to practice. I believe it should be up to the doctor to decide the best options for their patient.	5/17/2013 1:33 AM
42	I have a housecall practice so I do not carry any compounded stock medication. I have all compounded medications either picked up by the owner from the local pharmacy or have it delivered directly to the client.	5/16/2013 11:58 PM
43	We are an avian, exotic (reptile, pocket pets, etc) practice and many of our meds need to be compounded in part due to our small patient weight.	5/16/2013 10:32 PM

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44	As a "primary health care veterinarian" I need to have a limited supply of medications in stock to start a patient on the medications that are appropriate for the medical conditions being treated. I don't "stock pile" medications of any medications. In this age of quick delivery and communication, I have no need to "stock pile" medications. As a solo practitioner and owner of the veterinary clinic, keeping inventory at a minimum is vital. I realize there are price breaks for ordering in "bulk" but this saving rarely if ever pays off for having to pay a little bit less for a much larger amount of inventory and then have that inventory set on the shelf. The practice has to pay for the medications ordered up front, if it sits on the inventory shelf very long that is money that isn't earning the practice money and the "discount" of buying in bulk quickly goes out the window and turns in the opposite direction in that the inventory is now costing the practice money.	5/16/2013 8:54 PM
45	Many animals would not receive the treatment they need if it were not for compounded medications.	5/16/2013 8:14 PM
46	There have been several drugs that we use regularly that are no longer available because Company A bought Company B, and Company A decided that Drug X wasn't profitable enough to continue production. We also use compounded drugs when backorder situations arise, or when we need to dose very small patients such as toy breed dogs or exotic pets and commercially available preparations can not easily be titrated for the smaller pets	5/16/2013 7:41 PM
47	If 1/2 kg yorkie needs 7.5 mg Flagyl, try to divide the 250 mg tablet!!!!	5/16/2013 7:29 PM
48	Some patients need to be started on medication immediately, and can not wait until the drug can be compounded for them. Having these medications on hand allows us to treat the patient immediately when necessary.	5/16/2013 6:44 PM
49	Truly essential- often a matter of life and death, not to mention owner convenience	5/16/2013 6:28 PM
50	Clients hardly ever fill out prescriptions and when they do it is hardly ever on a timely manner. Most conditions seen in veterinary medicine are emergency and delay of treatment can mean fatality or worse outcome	5/16/2013 6:25 PM
51	Many medications are not in a size or formulation needed for our tiniest patients and compounded medications are absolutely necessary and life-saving	5/16/2013 6:22 PM
52	The option (and availability) to use compounded medications to tailor my patient's medical management for the best possible outcome is extremely important. Drug protocols should be tailored to a patient's needs not adjusted to what is commercially available and manufactured by large drug companies.	5/16/2013 6:20 PM
53	It is an essential part of my treatment to patients	5/16/2013 5:26 PM
54	because of the very wide range of body weight and dosing requirements between species if there is not an appropriate size available, some patients may have to wait 3-7 days before their medication arrives, and in many cases this delay could be fatal	5/16/2013 5:12 PM
55	Obviously all of our patients' health and medical outcomes are very important, however, I do not like to carry medications that can outdate easily. Also, it is more convenient to order on an "as needed" basis. It is easier for inventory as well.	5/16/2013 5:01 PM
56	Having office stock compounded medications for in-house use for hospitalized and surgery patients and leave-in ear treatments allows us to keep overhead low (essential for clients in this economic climate) yet provide quality medicine.	5/16/2013 4:48 PM
57	things like compounded metronidazole into a liquid are a must for cats and to wait and dispense in a few days when the individual medication is received is often to late, or conversely owners may never give the medication	5/16/2013 4:32 PM
58	Some medications we have compounded in forms that are unavailable and some because they are unavailable by other avenues in any form, so it is of paramount importance.	5/16/2013 3:36 PM

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59	The problem still exists that in many if not most cases, we are forced to use certain forms of compounded medications to provide the safest dosing or formulation for small or debilitated patients. There simply aren't enough approved or appropriate choices to supply such a wide range of sizes and breed differences with the optimal care without compounded meds. If we had to individually prescribe compounded meds to each case, we would often need to compromise care while waiting for shipment of many of these important formulations. ESPECIALLY important is this case when doctors see exotic patients (as I do) where there are often NO choices of approved medications available and their condition can deteriorate in a matter of 12 to 24 hours without appropriate compounded medications available in clinic.	5/16/2013 3:29 PM
60	We use compounded medications most often because it makes either dosing or application easier for the owner. It's not terribly common for us and we would survive without it. Though I have confidence that the medications we do get compounded would not be restricted.	5/16/2013 2:48 PM
61	I just throw mud on the wall to see what sticks. Don't really care if the patient gets well. #@\$!%)(*???	5/16/2013 2:35 PM
62	Some medications are not commercially available in small enough concentrations or in a form that is easy for a client to administer to their pet. Example: a medication may be only in tablet form, but an owner can't pill their cat and needs a liquid.	5/16/2013 2:32 PM
63	Sources of needed medications are often compromised by availability. Compounding sources are of prime importance for the continued appropriate care of my patients.	5/16/2013 2:17 PM
64	I have at least 2 patients that will only take their medication if it is given as a flavored tablet (which must be compounded). For one of these animals, this is a life or death situation, for the other, the lack of the drug would greatly impact her quality of life. Because clients often are not able to inform us 2 weeks or more ahead of time when they run out of a medication, it is imperative that I be able to keep certain compounded medications on hand all the time.	5/16/2013 2:16 PM
65	They are dogs and cats. They often won't take it in human pill form. WE NEED THIS OPTION.	5/16/2013 1:53 PM
66	Some medications for in-hospital use are not available through other venues.	5/16/2013 1:45 PM
67	I use a lot of compounded metronidazole in my clinic for use in birds, reptiles, and small dogs, cats, and other small mammals.	5/16/2013 1:30 PM
68	Many sick cats cannot wait several days for compounded medications to arrive at the hospital. They need immediate treatment to assure a better outcome.	5/16/2013 1:29 PM
69	It allows us to start treatment right away. Some drugs are also used in emergency situations and it is critical to have them on hand at the practice.	5/16/2013 1:27 PM
70	We have many patients, especially cats, whose owners are unable to give them certain medications in an oral form. A compounded transdermal medication greatly improves compliance.	5/16/2013 1:08 PM
71	There are too many drugs that go on back order with no other alternatives, not to mention most drugs we use are human drugs so small animals that could benefit from those drugs would get left out without compounding.	5/16/2013 1:08 PM
72	We desperately need the smaller compounds for patients that cannot receive the over-the-counter strengths or the pills and need liquids or transdermals.	5/16/2013 1:00 PM
73	We have to have access to injectable apomorphine and buprinorphine to maintain our standard of care.	5/16/2013 12:43 PM
74	Some patients/cases need the medicine ASAP and could suffer from the delay it takes to get the medicine compounded. Many clients run out of a medicine AND THEN come to the office. Having to then compound it means the patient misses a dose or two.	5/16/2013 12:30 PM
75	When we are working with cats, less than 10% of the medications we use are approved for use in cats. The only way that we can treat these patients is to maintain a stock of compounded medications to treat the cat when they are sick - not waiting 48-96 hours for a medication to arrive. Cats are great at hiding disease and by the time they are seen they are usually quite sick and need therapy immediately	5/16/2013 12:26 PM

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76	Clients do not want to wait 2-5 days to receive a medication we have determined they need today. Patients should not be forced to needlessly suffer while waiting for a medication to be prepared and shipped.	5/16/2013 12:25 PM
77	The availability and the cost of pet care would be change dramatically. We need to be able to use our medical judgement.	5/16/2013 12:20 PM
78	Having office stock increases owner compliance and in turn the well being of the animals.	5/16/2013 12:19 PM
79	Veterinary patients' medications are dosed by weight and ease of administration must also be considered. Because of the huge variance in patient size, it is necessary to have options for giving appropriate doses. Palatability is also a major concern.	5/16/2013 12:12 PM
80	We need to have the EXACT dosage and medicine in stock so that we may dispense immediately.	5/16/2013 11:46 AM
81	I treat many small mammals, birds and reptiles. I could not medicate them without access to compounded medications.	5/16/2013 11:37 AM
82	Life or death for many patients at the end stages of their life, especially when they are unwilling to consume forms of drugs that are not highly palatable.	5/16/2013 11:31 AM
83	Without an office stock of compounded medications, patients' health would suffer and be at risk due to unavailability of immediate access of necessary medications. For certain situations, any delay or change in treatment that would be caused by not having medication on hand could even be life threatening.	5/16/2013 11:29 AM
84	Although the compounding pharmacy we use can get medications to a client within a day or two, certain conditions warrant starting them on medication immediately. If a pet has bloody diarrhea the owner will not want to wait a few days!	5/16/2013 11:22 AM
85	I rarely stock compounded medications. I utilize compounding for very specific situations and having compounded medication on my shelves would be unlikely to be any more beneficial to me than commercially available products. The benefit with compounding is found in my ability to work with the pharmacy to fit the specific needs of my patients.	5/16/2013 11:19 AM
86	unable to get any form of doxycycline without compounding. The new rules make it VERY difficult to treat my heartworm patients effectively.	5/16/2013 11:15 AM
87	I don't need them all the time, but when I need them, we REALLY need them to be available.	5/16/2013 11:00 AM
88	Usually, we order compounding for a specific patient but our most-used compounded drug is metronidazole tiny tabs. It would be very hard to practice good medicine without being able to prescribe these on the spot for cats and small dogs, as there is no commercially available alternative and these are urgent-need cases.	5/16/2013 10:52 AM
89	Use many compounded drugs	5/16/2013 10:49 AM
90	If I am going to have something compounded, I want it to be for just the animal or group of animals I am treating. There are very few drugs that are truly unavailable and I would need to have on hand in the office. Nearly all have approved human forms of the drug that either I can use or should be used by the compounder to make what I order.	5/16/2013 10:45 AM
91	Many products are either unavailable or too expensive in the commercial market. Treating small individuals or unapproved species is impossible without compounding	5/16/2013 10:43 AM
92	due to laws that do protect safety, we strictly use a local compounding pharmacy. the loss in production is worth the safety/efficacy of the products. compounded medications help me increase client compliance, and dose our smaller patients.	5/16/2013 10:40 AM
93	Order response time is usually short enough to accomodate patient needs.	5/16/2013 10:37 AM
94	This is especially important now that so many prescription medications are on indefinite backorder. Consistent treatment with the correction medication is essential to a meaningful outcome.	5/16/2013 10:32 AM

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95	Ordering compounded medications is critical to providing treatment to our patients. With the endless drug recalls, long term back orders and unreasonable price increases, we could simply could not treat many of our patients for the diseases they have if it were not for compounded drug. We would far prefer drugs be more available from the drug manufacturers. Most compounded medications cost more, have a shorter shelf life and are far more inconvenient to order and dispense. We use them because we have to in providing a high level of care and comfort to our patients.	5/16/2013 10:22 AM
96	Antibiotics and pain medications for smaller animals and exotics are, many times, not available in the correct dosages. It is imperative that we be able to provide pain management and disease management to these patients in the same way we do for our larger patients.	5/16/2013 10:19 AM
97	I would ask the committee looking into this legislation to spend an hour at a shelter and try to give 6 random cats a commercially prepared pill, either directly or hidden in food. It will quickly become clear that this is almost impossible for most cats, and many dogs. Equally try taking a human sized pill and break it into 1/6ths so the size is appropriate, or try giving a cat a "cherry flavored" children's version of a drug. All will be very unsuccessful. Without properly prepared, readily available compounded drugs, many cats and dogs would suffer through illness with few alternatives.	5/16/2013 10:15 AM
98	I order compounded medications when I am unable to purchase the commercial preparation due to availability.	5/16/2013 10:10 AM
99	There are medications that can only be obtained via compounding that are critical to successful treatment. And those medications are often needed immediately.	5/16/2013 10:10 AM
100	There are 5-7 compounded medications I can think of instantly that are essential to appropriate practice of medicine in my clinic. Through the years as these regulations have been getting more and more strict, I have tried to find alternatives. There is simply not enough economic drive for drug companies to make these medications specifically for veterinary use. My patients will NOT suffer because of lack of economic drive if there is anything at all I can do about it.	5/16/2013 9:56 AM
101	Often times we order the compounded medication on a specific need basis - not much in house stock.	5/16/2013 9:51 AM
102	It is very important for us to be able to maintain compounded medications to ensure we have correct doses for patients- especially smaller animals that are difficult to dose with typical pill strengths. Also, cats often require compounded medications for better palatability.	5/16/2013 9:50 AM
103	Especially now that our economy has forced smaller pharmaceutical companies to close their doors and that has severely limited our access to a lot of the drugs we use every day.	5/16/2013 9:47 AM
104	Many people can not seem to plan ahead far enough to ask for the medication to be compounded for them so we keep a small back up to be ready when they call	5/16/2013 9:43 AM
105	Name brand drug supply is often affected for a variety of reasons. Back logs occur to elevate the price, from an inability of a company to acquire raw materials and when a plant is shut down by authorities for violations to name only a few.	5/16/2013 9:36 AM
106	Most are not stocked and special ordered as needed but there are a select few medications that need to be in the hospital to use immediately when needed.	5/16/2013 9:30 AM
107	could not dose most dogs without some form of compounding	5/16/2013 9:22 AM
108	Crucial actually.	5/16/2013 9:21 AM
109	There are numerous conditions in horses that are very serious and time sensitive and require medication that we can only get compounded in a useable form. Taking this away would cause irreparable harm to those patients.	5/16/2013 9:17 AM
110	We need to be able to treat pets the day they are examined-this is why we also stock our own pharmacy. This is especially important when medications such as Doxycycline go on backorder. Additionally, compounded medications can be flavored, which can help the pet owner medicate the pet in a safer manner.	5/16/2013 9:15 AM
111	Two things, One, some medications are only available as compounded drugs depending on shutdowns and backorders, and two some dosages that are critical to vets are not made commercially.	5/16/2013 9:14 AM

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112	We usually order the medications as needed because the practice owner doesn't like to keep a big stock of things in case they're short dated.	5/16/2013 9:13 AM
113	With recent problems with manufacturers it is often the only way to obtain the most efficacious medications.	5/16/2013 9:13 AM
114	We use compounded medications when there is nothing else on the market to treat out patients' problems. Taking away the ability or order these medications takes away our ability to treat our patients' diseases.	5/16/2013 9:07 AM
115	As a veterinarian, it is critically important that compounded medications are available and in-stock in office & on our ambulatory vehicles in order to begin immediate treatment. In-stock access to compounded medication is a vital component in mitigating the disease process; without the ability to have compounded medications in-stock, our patients would suffer unnecessary pain and potentially disabling or fatal outcomes if there was a delay in the availability of compounded medicine. To state it clearly - Our ability to practice veterinary medicine in the best interest of the animal and client is fundamentally compromised when we are limited in our ability to keep compounded medications in-stock.	5/16/2013 9:04 AM
116	Without the use of compounded medications I would not be able to prescribe medications that have been taken off the market in human medicine but is very beneficial to our pets. Often times I can get compounded medications at a lower price than I can buy them for and resale. In veterinary medicine this is very important because it allows my clients to treat their pets at an affordable cost.	5/16/2013 8:54 AM
117	Especially some medications such as potassium phosphate which can mean life or death for some diabetic ketoacidosis patients.	5/16/2013 8:53 AM
118	with more and more products no longer commercially available, the compound pharmacist is our last and best hope for treating our patients. if one of these douche bag senators had a loved one whose life depended on medication that was only available via compounding they (the senate) would stop this witch hunt!!! IDIOTS!!!!	5/16/2013 8:52 AM
119	When commercial drugs are on back order (which is extremely frequent) compounded versions are our only option.	5/16/2013 8:42 AM
120	Easy of medication acceptance is a great part of the reason for using compounded medications. Cats do not do well taking non liquified medications as we also see risks of capsules and pills becoming lodged in the esophagus causing necrosis of these vital tissues. Horses also benefit from compounded medications primarily for acceptance and compliance of administering the medications.	5/16/2013 12:18 AM
121	I do a lot of exotic pets and cats which are difficult if not impossible to give oral medications so compounded meds are required since there are no manufactured transdermals and few liquids	5/15/2013 10:45 PM
122	I don't feel all compounded medications need to be in stock. However, I do feel there are some preparations that are highly beneficial to have immediate access.	5/15/2013 9:27 PM
123	Many of the compounded medications we use are to make them palatable to rhe the pet or give the owner the ability to actually medicate the pet	5/15/2013 8:55 PM
124	Especially for cats, for whom non compounded medications are often not well accepted.	5/15/2013 8:53 PM
125	It's much more convenient to maintain inventory of compounded meds, but usually ok to prescribe them individually.	5/15/2013 8:41 PM
126	If we do not carry the Rx, the owner may not take the time to pick it up at another location, risking the patients health. If the Rx would be mailed to the owner, the patients health may be at risk due to a delay in starting a Rx.	5/15/2013 8:34 PM
127	For most compounded medication, I try to prescribe it for 1 patient. In some circumstances I need to have compounded medication on the shelf to use immediately. The patient does not have time to wait 5-7 days for a prescription to arrive by mail. Also many medications have become backordered and unavailable from the regular manufacturers and I need compounding pharmacies to fill in the gap until the regular medication becomes available again.	5/15/2013 7:49 PM
128	The ability to begin immediate treatment is often vital to patient outcome especially because clients tend to delay presentation until the patient is serious to critical.	5/15/2013 7:38 PM

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129	Many medications are not made at strengths suitable for smaller animals- the human equivalent is too big. Also, for many clients, compounded medications are the only way they can afford to medicate their animals with certain medications.	5/15/2013 7:15 PM
130	When cats need meds, I want to be able to send an easily administered, ie transdermal compounded, Rx home that day. Giving a vomiting cat a pill is useless. They can't wait 2-3 days for a med to be compounded and sent to them to be treated. They usually have already been sick for 2-3 days before an exam.	5/15/2013 5:40 PM
131	we do not usually maintain stock of compounded meds unless there is a manufacturer's back order-otherwise, our compounded meds are made up for specific clients and their pets and therefore are not kept as stock on our shelves	5/15/2013 5:21 PM
132	Compounding can take several days to be made and shipped and in some instances the patient needs certain medications asap.	5/15/2013 5:07 PM
133	I try not to stock compounded meds and only use prescriptions for specific animals as I have been lead to believe that is the LEGAL way to do. IT would be a very big enhancements to my clients to be able to get the medication at the same time as their appointment.	5/15/2013 4:42 PM
134	There are dosage strengths I use regularly for acute conditions (can't wait for shipment) that are not available commercially	5/15/2013 4:28 PM
135	We typically do not stock compounded preparations. We prefer to have the pharmacy compound for each patient individually.	5/15/2013 4:13 PM
136	We need options in veterinary medicine. Not all animals will tolerate pills or capsules. And some medications are not available in the lower doses we may need.	5/15/2013 4:08 PM
137	It is extremely important especially with all the recalls and short supplies of medications, if it weren't for compounding pharmacies our patients couldn't get the medication they require for healing therefore would suffer without treatment. We also see exotics and this is our ONLY option usually due to small dosing and palatability. We could NOT treat our exotics if we did not have this an option therefore no one would bring them into bc there is nothing we can do! This seems ridiculous to me that our animals may have to suffer bc of these proposed laws.	5/15/2013 3:53 PM
138	Some medications are sometimes not available due to manufacturer or distributor back orders, but are still critical to our patients needs	5/15/2013 2:37 PM
139	Particularly with ophthalmic, neonatal and septic patients I stand a good chance of losing the eye or the patient while we wait for drugs to arrive. I wish every congressman had to look someone in the eye and say" we could have saved your eye or foal but we couldn't get the medicine fast enough!"	5/15/2013 1:55 PM
140	We are veterinarians with 100% mobile equine practice, and stocked products on the truck have been the standard in our type of practice for over sixty years.	5/15/2013 1:53 PM
141	Compounded strengths and formulations are essential in every day practice. Some of our patients are too small to take a full strength adult form of a drug and breaking the pill or capsule is not possible and can result in animals being underdosed or overdosed. Cats often cannot be medicated orally and that can result in them being untreated or owners getting injured. Transdermal preparations are essential in these animals.	5/15/2013 1:39 PM
142	We have some patients that simply cannot take a medication any other way. Being able to 'hide' a medication inside a specially flavored tablet or liquid is invaluable.	5/15/2013 1:24 PM
143	I use home delivery pharmacies rather than maintaining a pharmaceutical inventory.	5/15/2013 1:23 PM
144	Some owners are unable to administer pills to their pets and need medication formulated into a tasty liquid, chew, or transdermal. Some pets are too small and require compounded medications. These pets would not receive the medication they need without a compounding pharmacy.	5/15/2013 1:08 PM
145	Cats are very difficult to medicate. Compounded drugs can be made to taste better or be smaller in size. Without them many cats could not be medicated at home.	5/15/2013 12:22 PM

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146	I was under the impression that I am not legally allowed to maintain office stock and so prescribe for each patient individually, but it would be nice for the client to not have to wait if I am able to do this. In some instances it is very inconvenient and alters speed of recovery or treatment success.	5/15/2013 12:02 PM
147	Often medications in stock strengths are too strong for our smaller patients.	5/15/2013 11:56 AM
148	We often need metronidazole in liquid form for small patients with diarrhea. Otherwise, small patients sometimes have to wait when product is shipped to them or if compounding pharmacy is closed over weekend.	5/15/2013 11:52 AM
149	The importance is far greater than imagined, especially when the drug is not available through distributors. Often prescribing a compounded medication is not timely enough for some medications, and delay is life threatening as the owner waits for the med to be compounded and then shipped (sometimes several days) If it is on our shelf we can prescribe it in a timely manner,,,	5/15/2013 11:44 AM
150	Ability to control pain and disease in animals is often challenging as we can be without label use medications for ongoing care or getting to proper dosing interval for tiny patients.	5/15/2013 11:30 AM
151	Exotic animals and small pets (< 15 lbs) often require doses of medications that are well below standard mg strengths. Additionally, some animals (exotics and some cats) are impossible to medicate with pills and require liquid medications for successful treatment.	5/15/2013 10:36 AM
152	A certain amount of veterinary drugs can only be obtained thru compounding and these drugs are important for our patients' health...without compounded drugs we would be limited in the way we treat our clients' pets to the detriment to our clients and their animal companions.	5/15/2013 10:26 AM
153	It's more important to me to be able to order a compounded medication as needed than it is to keep it in stock in hospital	5/15/2013 10:20 AM
154	Having medication available to prescribe and dispense quickly is important. Having this medication also simplifies the dispensing of the medication when we have it. The more restrictions, paperwork and requirements for ordering compounded medications only delays treatment of the patients!	5/15/2013 10:18 AM
155	Many medications that are FDA approved for human use are used extra-label by the veterinary profession. Many of these medications are very difficult to administer to some species based on size of the animal or the difficulty in administering due to taste. The compounded medications have been a life saver for the veterinary professional.	5/15/2013 10:11 AM
156	Many drugs need to be formulated for our different patient sizes in a small animal practice. Standard pill sizes often cannot be dosed small enough for miniature/pocket patients.	5/15/2013 10:03 AM
157	Some of our patients are down to their last resort in managing the specific condition for which the compounded drug is prescribed.	5/15/2013 9:51 AM
158	We are an emergency hospital. We see patients of all shapes and sizes 24-7. If a patient comes in for an emergency at 11pm on a Friday night and needs a certain medication in a compounded form, it might be 3 or 4 days before they're able to get that medication from a compounding pharmacy. By having some in stock, we can give them a small supply to get started until a full prescription can be compounded by an outside compounding pharmacy.	5/15/2013 9:50 AM
159	with out this option we would be unable to treat many pets that the owners are unable to give a pill or tablet to. A lot of commercially available medications can be difficult to quarter and accurately administer and a lot of them are bitter making administration more difficult	5/15/2013 9:45 AM
160	So many instances a patient needs a medication now as apposed to waiting for a special order to come.	5/15/2013 9:41 AM
161	Months of a medications back order can have serious consequences to a patient's health.	5/15/2013 9:17 AM
162	If I don't have the medications on hand, it can potentially take 1-3 days to get the medications. In dealing with exotics, often they don't have that much time. If you don't treat immediately, they will die.	5/15/2013 9:13 AM
163	There have been so many drug recalls and shortages in the past few years, that without being able to obtain compounded medications we would have been severely hampered in our ability to practice veterinary medicine.	5/15/2013 8:47 AM

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164	Critical in many cases. Often a compounded form is the ONLY way to get a patient to take a life-saving medication.	5/15/2013 8:21 AM
165	It is vital to be able to properly dose our patients. The dosages of many medications are too high or too low for veterinary patients. Compounding is essential. If the pharmacies can't do thrir job, we'll have to go back to doing it ourselves.	5/15/2013 8:15 AM
166	The number of scenarios in which I use compounded medication is endless! Cats are some of the most difficult to medicate for owners. Having medication compounded into a flavored liquid is priceless!	5/15/2013 8:14 AM
167	With regard to Rxing compounded medications, I don't keep them in stock. Rather, I dispense the medication or supplement and provide a written Rx for the clients to take to the local compounding pharmacy,	5/15/2013 8:11 AM
168	We maintain an extensive exotics specialty area, and many of them typically need some sort of compounded medication (antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, etc). Each different species metabolizes each drug differently, so having the freedom to calculate each dosage appropriately and dispense the right amount each time, helps us serve both the patient and the client.	5/15/2013 7:48 AM
169	CRITIVAL There are many pets that would not be treated if we could not provide medication in a form that the owner could be successful at administering .	5/15/2013 7:46 AM
170	When treating exotic species and very old or fractious cats, it is essential.	5/15/2013 7:29 AM
171	If the medication doesn't get into the patient as prescribed due to difficulty of administration, there is no chance of success.	5/15/2013 7:26 AM
172	We see patients on a daily basis who would be unable to be medicated (mainly cats) without the use of compounded medications.	5/15/2013 7:19 AM
173	With sudden drug shortages, it could mean life or death, success or failure when treating disease, protecting human and animal health.	5/15/2013 7:00 AM
174	Use diagnostic compounds in stock (ACTH gel)	5/15/2013 12:03 AM
175	There is rarely a drug strength available that can be used for exotics. We need to have compounded drugs on hand. We can't wait to order while animal is in distress.	5/15/2013 12:00 AM
176	We are a feline spectility practice and or patients often would not get better if we cannot start their compounded meds asap.	5/14/2013 11:57 PM
177	Many of my patients are geriatric horses whose owners cannot afford the proprietary drugs, but having safe and effective compounded options allow them to care for their retired animals within their budgets. Also, the geriatric animal often becomes harder to manage without creative flavors and forms of medication because of their reduced appetite and finicky behaviors.	5/14/2013 11:37 PM
178	Sometimes suppliers are on backorder and the only access I have is compounded.	5/14/2013 11:19 PM
179	Many times office stock of certain medications means the animal can start treatment when necessary, not have to wait until shipments arrive, which could be several days depending.	5/14/2013 11:09 PM
180	It can take 1 or more days to receive compounded medication for a specific patient, so having the med on hand to dispense is better for the patient if it's very necessary to get the medication started ASAP--ie metronidazole being a common one	5/14/2013 10:52 PM
181	Many of the meds that I use are not available from a non-compounding pharmacy.	5/14/2013 10:48 PM
182	having to wait days for or having to overnight an essential compounded medication could risk a patients successful treatment and will definitely add to the cost of treatment for that ptient	5/14/2013 10:18 PM
183	Ver, Very important. We need to have this readilt available for our patients.	5/14/2013 10:17 PM
184	There are many different body sizes of animals and manufactures do not always proved a pill or size to fit what I need, so I have to get it made.	5/14/2013 10:16 PM
185	we need apomorphine to get pets to vomit	5/14/2013 10:05 PM

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186	Having Sustained release buprenorphine for pain relief is critical to have on hand! You can't have people go pick it up! Especially after the compounding pharmacy has closed!	5/14/2013 9:56 PM
187	Some, like apomorphine are used in emergency situations and there is not time to get a dose compounded specifically for that patient.	5/14/2013 9:47 PM
188	Most often when we need a compounded drug we should not wait 2 or 3 days to start it. We should be able to stock it and keep good records in case of problems.	5/14/2013 9:37 PM
189	Most medications that require compounding are needed on short notice. I have become accustomed to prescribing an initial amount to test the ability of a family to administer and use the medication and can then script out a larger amount for the patient to receive to their home.	5/14/2013 9:11 PM
190	There are medications that I cannot get in an appropriate size or method of administration except by compounding.	5/14/2013 9:00 PM
191	There are many medications that don't come in an appropriate size (ie Metronidazole for small cats) that I like to keep in stock.	5/14/2013 8:38 PM
192	Many pets would otherwise not take medication if we could not get a compounded Version	5/14/2013 8:21 PM
193	As above...many pets also stress very easily which can be detrimental to their health,,so having the proper dose of medication in a palatable form or transdermal form is the only way they can get the treatment they need.	5/14/2013 8:20 PM
194	Some of the medications we use are just not available in sizes or strengths that we need for our .small patients	5/14/2013 8:09 PM
195	I script out almost all my medications because I am mobile and don't have room to carry stock.	5/14/2013 8:08 PM
196	If we do not have the medication needed in stock, treatment is delayed until the client or us can receive the medication.	5/14/2013 7:51 PM
197	Many of my patients are minor species (eg birds), and having access to compounded medications is vital for their health, as the drugs are not readily available otherwise.	5/14/2013 7:49 PM
198	In the past year several medications have been discontinued or become unavailable. these have been medications that are essential to our practice such as ophthalmic medications, and certain antibiotics, or injectable anti-inflammatory medications.	5/14/2013 7:48 PM
199	For a lot of pets in our practice we need to keep medication on hand for the size & dosage of our patients	5/14/2013 7:00 PM
200	Frequently, having compounded medications on hand can mean the difference between a patient living and dying. I see only cats and very often dosage strengths or forms available are not appropriate for my patients. Pain medications are also often not available in appropriate strengths or dosages, particularly for anesthesia use. Without compounded medication, I would not be able to practice to as high of a standard or as safely.	5/14/2013 6:55 PM
201	Many medications are not available in the sizes or formulations needed to treat the many species and sizes of animals I see every day. Compounded medicines are a real blessing to my patients and really improve patient care and out comes.	5/14/2013 6:27 PM
202	Again, often we need a smaller dosage size and have it made in a form that is tolerable for the animals such as a oral liquid in an appetizing flavor	5/14/2013 6:26 PM
203	For very small patients, we often cannot get the appropriate size medication through traditional pharmacies. It is also very beneficial to have the option of flavored medication available to ensure owner compliance.	5/14/2013 6:17 PM
204	Compounds allow our veterinarians to start patients on a medication appropriate for them immediately. With so much variance in needed dosages, compounded medication makes it easy to prescribe medication to multiple patients regardless of weight.	5/14/2013 6:04 PM
205	Client compliance is definitely increased and therefore improved patient care.	5/14/2013 6:02 PM
206	Many medications are not available (or the price has skyrocketed to where it would be impossible to dispense) through commercial markets ie doxycycline for one major example.	5/14/2013 5:56 PM

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207	Being able to administer medications in a form that pets will tolerate taking is vital to the success of our treatment plans. This is especially important when you are talking about a medication the pet will need to take for the rest of their life.	5/14/2013 5:49 PM
208	Ill patients need to be treated promptly. A delay of several days could prove fatal, especially in exotic species.	5/14/2013 5:46 PM
209	I have MANY patients that rely on compounded medications to simply maintain their life!	5/14/2013 5:41 PM
210	some medications are only obtained through compounders	5/14/2013 5:37 PM
211	This is WAY beyond just convenience. We use compounded formulas for acute situations that cannot wait even 24hours for medication to be received.	5/14/2013 5:30 PM
212	Especially when the pharmaceutical companies pull out needed drugs for unknown reasons.	5/14/2013 5:27 PM
213	There are some drugs that are very difficult to administer orally to cats and being able to have them compounded to either liquid or gel pens make them much easier for clients to use.	5/14/2013 5:21 PM
214	We see cats, dogs and exotics. We need to be able to stock compounded medications in a variety of strengths to accommodate small exotics like hamsters as well as large dogs.	5/14/2013 5:17 PM
215	There are definitely life and death situations where starting the medication the same day is critical to having a positive outcome. Waiting to get started on medication because it must be mailed is often unacceptable.	5/14/2013 5:17 PM
216	Because the pharmacy we use has such rapid response and we are a small clinic, I do not routinely stock compounded products although I do think it is important that I have that option	5/14/2013 5:04 PM
217	There are instances where we need to dispense a medication NOW. The animal cannot wait the 1 or 2 days required for the pharmacist to compound the medication that we maintain. The medications we use routinely are not always available in a dosage readily useable for a pet the size of a cat.	5/14/2013 4:59 PM
218	Occasionally back-orders of vital medications occur and when there is either no substitute, or the substitute is prohibitively expensive, compounded medications can make a life or death difference with people's pets.	5/14/2013 4:59 PM
219	need to start treatment asap	5/14/2013 4:50 PM
220	Some animals are very difficult if not impossible to medicate and using compounded medications can greatly affect the ability to administer these medications. Compounded medications give us the ability to use alternative when the traditional route is impossible. Compounding is essential in veterinary medicine.	5/14/2013 4:42 PM
221	Hospitalized patients often require medications in forms other than what are provided from the distributors which means often times using compounded medications. Vomiting patients require injectable medication, feline patients who are difficult patients to orally medicate benefit from medical therapy via transdermal application of medications.	5/14/2013 4:37 PM
222	veterinary patients are not always easy to medicate and they come in a wide range of sizes and species. It is critical to have compounded drugs available for these different needs.	5/14/2013 4:27 PM
223	Important during times of significant backorder or unavailability of a drug we need... like recently when Prednisolone couldn't be found for cats. We had some compounded in a small amount so we could send 10 -15 pills home with a patient at a time when needed.	5/14/2013 4:22 PM
224	Many commercially available medications come in dosages that are too large for the smaller veterinary patients and in forms that cannot be split. Having compounded medications makes it possible to medicate these small patients.	5/14/2013 4:18 PM
225	Currently, there is almost always a drug which becomes unavailable due to manufacturer back-order, but is vital to our patients. Or in the case of cats, although can take a human-equivalent drug, you cannot make the dose small enough to appropriately treat such a small body. In that case, compounding is again vital to treating our patients.	5/14/2013 4:09 PM

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226	Owners appreciate having the medication on hand to treat a sick pet immediately. We can give the first dose in the office to start care immediately.	5/14/2013 3:46 PM
227	As a feline only practice compounded medications are very important to my patients. The easier treatment is at home the better compliance which may mean the difference of living or being put to sleep.	5/14/2013 3:43 PM
228	It is indispensable. Particularly for small dogs, cats and exotic patients. Without compounding I could not, in any measure of the word, effectively treat my patients.	5/14/2013 3:41 PM
229	I can't treat very small animals quickly without a stock of compounded medications, for example 50 mg metronidazole tablets. I simply cannot withhold treatment for days waiting on a compounding pharmacist to be available to make an important drug for a pet.	5/14/2013 3:39 PM
230	Without the ability to prescribe compounded medications, there are many animals (cats in particular) who would not be successfully treated because available medications are unsuitable for one reason or another.	5/14/2013 3:38 PM
231	Some companion animals would be left without proper medications/dosing for their size and needs.	5/14/2013 3:36 PM
232	often I will use the compounded medicine on in hospital patients.	5/14/2013 3:35 PM
233	Very Important for ease of medicating	5/14/2013 3:27 PM
234	If	5/14/2013 3:27 PM
235	Due to the significant about of back-orders that take place, we sometimes do not have a choice to use something other than compounded medications	5/14/2013 3:26 PM
236	Too many of our necessary drugs go on back order, or are at the wrong strength.	5/14/2013 3:25 PM
237	Compounded drugs are imperative to my practice	5/14/2013 3:22 PM
238	It takes too long to order drugs individually for ill pets, especially if they come in on a Friday. Not having the drugs already available and mean the difference between life and death.	5/14/2013 3:13 PM
239	Certain medications are only available to us as a compounded medications. Additionally, certain pets cannot take meds in their "traditional" form i.e., pills suspensions, etc. If we are unable to obtain compounded medications we would not be able to successfully treat these animals. Alos, many medications are not manufactured in doses that can be used for small animals	5/14/2013 3:11 PM
240	There are times when we cannot get medications needed for patients in the strengths that we needed or in the forms that are user-friendly for our patients. Compounding allows us some versatility in patient compliance.	5/14/2013 3:10 PM
241	To wait for compounding when I need a product immediately is ridiculous.	5/14/2013 3:07 PM
242	I use compounded medications in a large animal shelter. The primary medication we have compounded at this time is doxycycline which is the ONLY medication that currently treats the mycoplasma respiratory infection we are encountering in our cats. Without the compounded liquid doxycycline we would be euthanizing these cats instead of treating and placing them for adoption.	5/14/2013 3:07 PM
243	I practice exclusively on cats and small exotic mammals. Drug formats that are labeled for these species are pretty limited, and in addition, human or canine medications used off-label in these species often are unpalatable or unacceptable to these species and must be divided into such tiny doses that dosing with non-compounded medications is impractical and potentially unsafe.	5/14/2013 2:59 PM
244	Most of the time, we can order compounded meds for our patients, but sometimes having them in hospital means the difference between life and death.	5/14/2013 2:58 PM
245	I dispense a lot of transdermal medications etc to cats who are otherwise not easy to medicate. This has saved many lives	5/14/2013 2:56 PM

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246	Many medications have been back ordered which are vital to animal wellness and are very much needed, without the compounded medication we would not be able to treat some cases which could be devastating to us as a clinic as well as our clients.	5/14/2013 2:54 PM
247	It allows us to get smaller doses of some medications that are sometimes needed for some of our exotic patients. It also allows us to use medications that are not available otherwise.	5/14/2013 2:53 PM
248	There are times, especially with the unavailability of certain medications that we need to treat a hospitalized patient now.	5/14/2013 2:53 PM
249	I work in an ER & referral practice. Exotic patients, critical patients and patients with uncommon diseases often require compounded medications due to the relatively lacking veterinary formulary available. Having compounded medications regularly available improves patient outcome, is more convenient for owners and often saves lives for less money. I would say that compounded meds are a NECESSITY for proper care. Injectable apomorphine is a perfect example of a compounded med that saves lives and \$1000s for owners.	5/14/2013 2:48 PM
250	For a number of my patients, it's the difference between compliance and a successful outcome versus non-compliance and an unsuccessful outcome.	5/14/2013 2:48 PM
251	We see many pocket pets and ferrets, reptiles. Having a suspension in the fridge ready to dispense can mean life or death to these small critters. If we have to wait to have the drug made up and then shipped to us many of them would die as the owners aren't always able to determine they are really sick in a timely fashion.	5/14/2013 2:47 PM
252	Many "human" medications we use for cats and small dogs are not available in a form that can be reduced to a small enough dosage that we can dispense. In addition, many cats will not easily take oral medication in a tablet form, so having the ability to have medications compounded increases pet owners ability to give medication and in the long run, saves pet lives through compliance.	5/14/2013 2:46 PM
253	We are very active in continuing education and try very hard to make the most current treatment modalities available to our patients. Frequently newer treatment protocols utilize medications that are not readily available, especially in animal friendly formulations, through other means.	5/14/2013 2:46 PM
254	Some drugs need to be kept on hand for immediate use, such as analgesics, anti-nausea drugs, appetite stimulants, etc.--that can't wait a day or two or three to be received from an outside source.	5/14/2013 2:45 PM
255	Many of the compounded medications we use are needed at that very moment. The patient can not wait 1-2 days to start the medication.	5/14/2013 2:43 PM
256	Many pet owners have difficulty giving medications in certain forms and we compound to make sure our patients are getting the correct dose. Without compounding our client compliance would decrease and put our patient's health at risk.	5/14/2013 2:43 PM
257	There are many occasions where the quality of care to our patients would be dramatically compromised if we do not have the ability to have in-stock compounded medications immediately available for our patients. Not to mention the financial impact it would have on our practice & the pet owner if we had to order each time a patient needed a medication rather than taking from our office stock.	5/14/2013 2:41 PM
258	Some owners are unable to medicate their pet without the unique flavors or shapes of the compounded medications.	5/14/2013 2:39 PM
259	With medications constantly going out of production and on back order the veterinary field needs a solution for when that occurs.	5/14/2013 2:38 PM
260	The ability to stock and use compounded medication is vital to the daily practice of veterinary medicine. There are many instances when a name brand or generic medication is on back-order or not available because the product is not made anymore. In these instances it is absolutely critical to have the compounded medication. Also there are times when available medications are not available in a dosage or form that works for our very small patients so we as veterinarians use compounded medications.	5/14/2013 2:37 PM
261	Especially with the incredible number of drug shortages, if we have to rely on FDA approval for compounding, it'll throw us back tot he dark ages of veterinary medicine. We really must have access to these drugs even when not commercially available. Face it, if we really screw up, we will be liable. Although our actions might not be strictly regulated, we will certainly be controlled by market and legal forces. I do not think the majority of veterinarians abuse or mis-use compounded drugs. We are trained in pharmacology and we use our expertise every day to decided what animals will benefit from what drugs.	5/14/2013 2:34 PM

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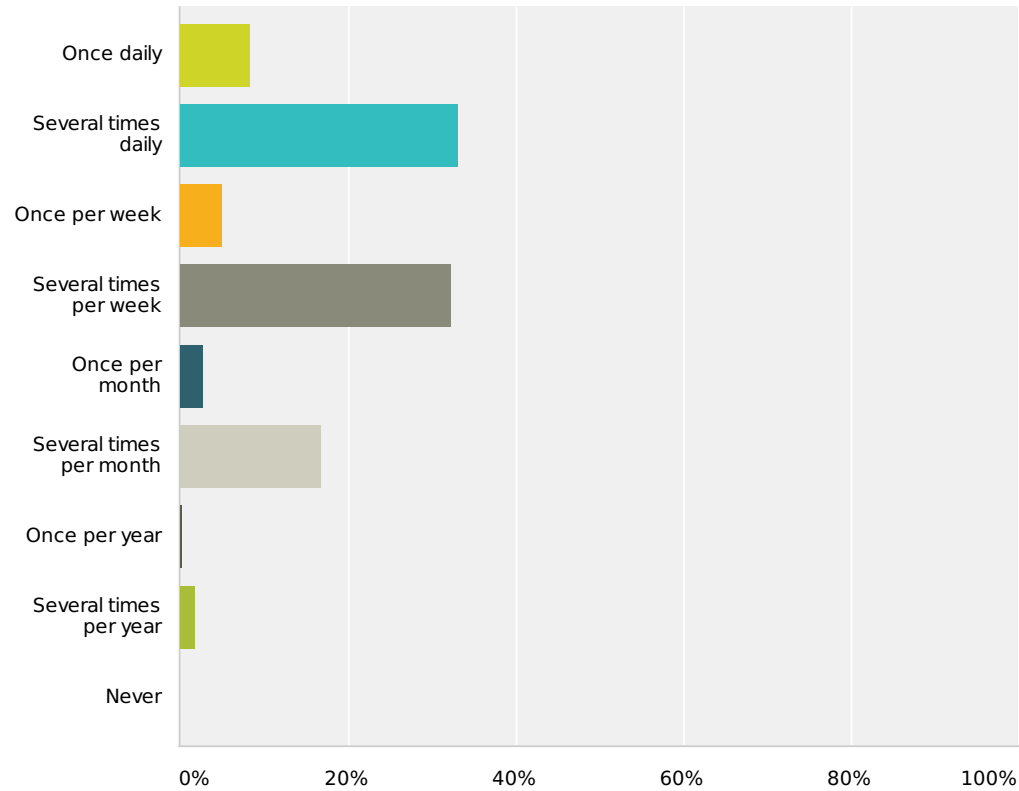
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262	Compounded medication is often put into a form that will insure that the animal actually gets the medication in the correct dosage. This obviously greatly impacts the success of outcome.	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
263	Some medications needs to be started immediately for the well being of the patient and are not commercially available.	5/14/2013 2:33 PM
264	Cats & dogs of differing sizes often need medicines in formulations or doses that are not met by either Animal Health divisions or the human health divisions of pharmaceutical companies. Plus, this past year has seen many extremely important drugs become unavailable. If veterinarians could not obtain these drugs from compounding pharmacies, many of our patients would die. I hope never to have to explain to my clients that their pet has had to die from a outrageous & stupid regulation	5/14/2013 2:32 PM
265	I keep a limited stock of drugs but the ability to keep drugs and compound them is priceless.	5/14/2013 2:32 PM
266	When there are shortages or discontinuatrions of medication, it can make a huge difference in quality of life for our patients whether or not we can get those meds compounded.	5/14/2013 2:28 PM
267	Medicating some pets would be virtually impossible without compounded medications. If they were not available, these pets would not receive the treatment they need to live healthy quality lives.	5/14/2013 2:27 PM
268	we call in what we need, since I am more worried about prepared compounds going out of date before being used for most things	5/14/2013 2:26 PM
269	Veterinary medication requires treating different species and very different patient sizes. In order to dose my patients effectively I need the ability to use compounded medications (i.e. different concentrations with different flavors and routes of administration, etc.).	5/14/2013 2:23 PM
270	When we need a medication for a patient, we need it today, not in a week.	5/14/2013 2:22 PM
271	Due to the nature of some breeds compounded medications is the only way I can treat some patients. Their success of treatment is due to the fact that compounded medications were available.	5/14/2013 2:22 PM
272	Compounded medication that is not on the shelf and available for an emergency situation is useless.	5/14/2013 2:22 PM
273	Patient specific prescribing delays treatment. The medications we keep on hand tend to be 1) ophthalmic preparations, 2) medications reformulated for dosing smaller patients [ie - liquid metronidazole as the commercially available pills can't be cut into small enough pieces for small patients) or 3) hormonal preps (DES; topical methamazole). For some of these conditions, especially hormonal and ophthalmic, the 2-3 day delay in starting treatment can significantly impact treatment success & outcome. The ability to stock & immediately dispense these medications not only is in the best interest of our patients but also increases client confidence in our practice & product. After all, how would you feel if you or your child were sick and you were told by your physician, "I have the perfect medication but, sorry, you're going to have to wait 3-4 days to start treatment because I'm not allowed to stock this in my practice." I'm guessing you'd be pretty upset.	5/14/2013 2:21 PM
274	Compounded medications very commonly mean the difference between success and failure in our medical cases. Without them, we would struggle to manage certain diseases successfully such as dry eye or fungal keratitis.	5/14/2013 2:21 PM
275	The most common cause I use compounded meds is for cats, who can be very difficult to orally medicate.	5/14/2013 2:20 PM
276	We need to maintain the stock of drugs in our practice because the health of our patients depends on it. With the numbers of backordered drugs today, we can't just order from our normal distributors.	5/14/2013 2:18 PM
277	Anything we can do to treat or maintain the health of our client's pets is very important.	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
278	COMMERCIALY PRODUCED MEDICATIONS GO ON BACK ORDER OR ARE NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO MANUFACTURERS DELAY WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THESE MEDICATIONS TO TREAT DISEASE ESPECIALLY IF THE ONLY MEDICATIONS AVAILABLE ARE COMPOUNDED	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
279	I use local compounding pharmacies for my patient's special medication needs and have them sell directly to the client.	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
280	I work at a university and have no say in what drugs they carry	5/14/2013 2:12 PM

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281	We absolutely rely on compounded medications more & more, because of the frequent unavailability from manufacturers of the prescription drugs our patients require.	5/14/2013 2:10 PM
282	There are many medications that are not available for humans, that are important to the health and medical outcome of companion animals. We need to have efficient access to these drugs or we are limiting our quality of veterinary medicine.	5/14/2013 2:10 PM
283	we can almost always find an appropriate way to medicate a patient without using compounded meds.	5/14/2013 2:07 PM
284	We don't now.	5/14/2013 2:06 PM
285	Often patients need treatment immediately. Waiting until the next day or longer for a compounding pharmacy to prepare the medication can be the difference in longer hospital stays, longer treatment times, additional adjunctive therapies, etc. which increases costs to client. In the most severe cases it could lead to poor patient outcome.	5/14/2013 2:06 PM
286	Exotic animals hide symptoms. They present often very ill and need immediate treatment and hospitalization. We can not wait for these meds to be made and sent...especially on weekends. Compounded meds for emergency usage is essential	5/14/2013 2:06 PM
287	All compounding pharmacies are closed on weekend. Animals get sick everyday and these drugs need to be dosed correctly	5/14/2013 2:06 PM
288	Often times medication is given opportunistically so if it's not in the hospital at that time, the animal may not receive the medication	5/14/2013 2:04 PM
289	Often times, there are urgent or emergent situations where having the medication (either in liquid form or a different concentration) on hand to dispense to the owner to start immediately is important. Waiting for the medication to be shipped to the owner, or for a day time practice to open & compound the medication, could make the situation or disease worse.	5/14/2013 2:03 PM
290	many life saving and critical medications are not manufactured for animals, and as a veterinarian I rely daily of the use of compounded medications	5/14/2013 2:01 PM
291	There are many times when drugs are on back order from our suppliers (happening more and more!) and we have a pet walk in that desperately needs a med like metronidazole, which was on back order for tabs, but the compounders had it in liquid, and because we had a stock, could treat the animal. Otherwise we are up a creek.	5/14/2013 2:00 PM
292	The main compounded drugs that we use are because the original drug is no longer available	5/14/2013 1:59 PM
293	I don't use compounded meds in office. They have to be prescribed to a specific patient.	5/14/2013 1:59 PM
294	Outside pharmacies have no veterinary training. When I do script out drugs, the scripts are often mis-filled and inappropriate substitutions are made....Substitutions that would be fine for a human (eg naproxen for meloxicam) but are devastating and potentially deadly for a dog.	5/14/2013 1:57 PM
295	Some cases should not wait the 5-10 days it takes for us to order a medication, the pharmacy to compound it and for the client to finally receive it.	5/14/2013 1:54 PM
296	Our practice works with a large variety of wildlife species. These animals don't generally accept dog / cat preparations of common medications. Compounding allows us to order a formulation that will allow hands-off administration to the animal and flavoring options to increase compliance.	5/14/2013 1:53 PM
297	In Virginia, we are not allowed to keep office stock of compounded medications; I wish we could.	5/14/2013 1:51 PM
298	Especially when treating cats/small patients; specially prepared otic medications used for complicated ear infections.	5/14/2013 1:51 PM
299	Yada yada	5/14/2013 1:23 PM

Q4 How frequently do any veterinarians in your practice prescribe or use compounded medications?

Answered: 1,026 Skipped: 2



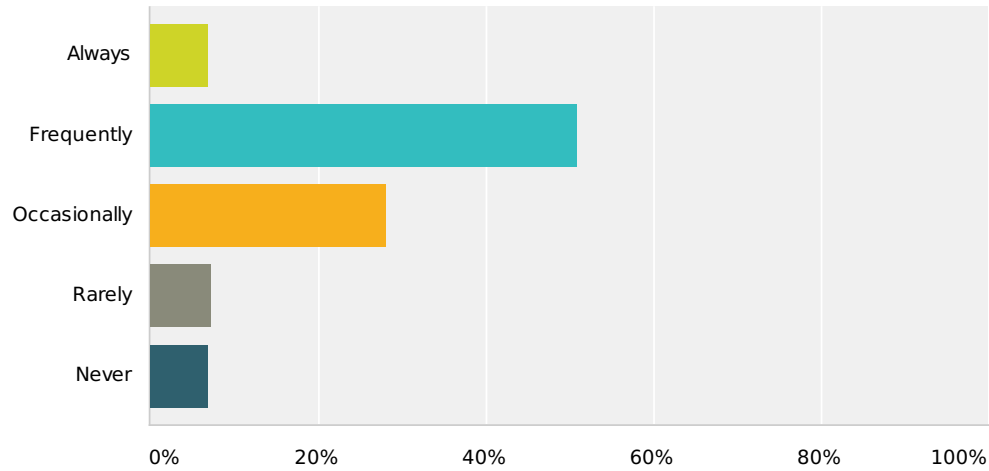
Answer Choices	Responses	Count
Once daily	8.28%	85
Several times daily	33.14%	340
Once per week	4.97%	51
Several times per week	32.26%	331
Once per month	2.63%	27
Total		1,026

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Several times per month	16.76%	172
Once per year	0.19%	2
Several times per year	1.75%	18
Never	0%	0
Total		1,026

Q5 How frequently do you dispense compounded medications to an animal owner from your office stock?

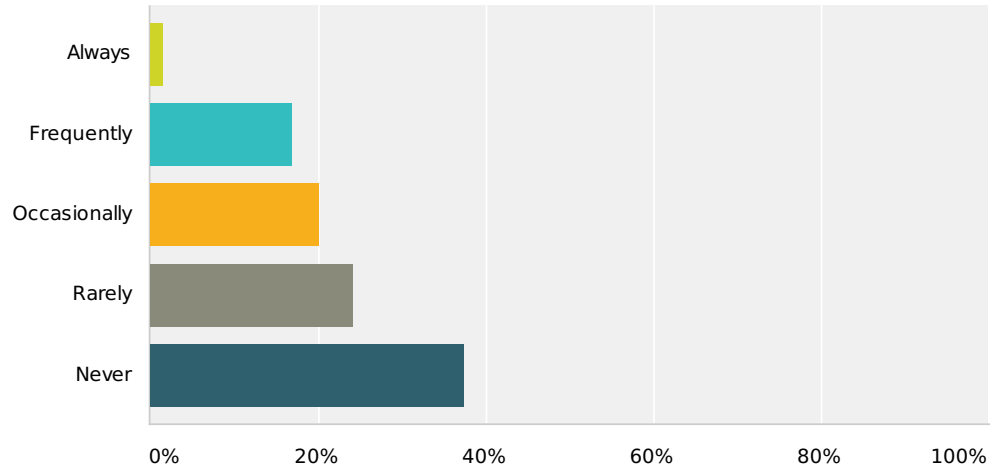
Answered: 995 Skipped: 33



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	6.83% 68
Frequently	50.95% 507
Occasionally	28.14% 280
Rarely	7.24% 72
Never	6.83% 68
Total	995

Q6 How frequently do you compound medications in your practice instead of obtaining them from a pharmacy?

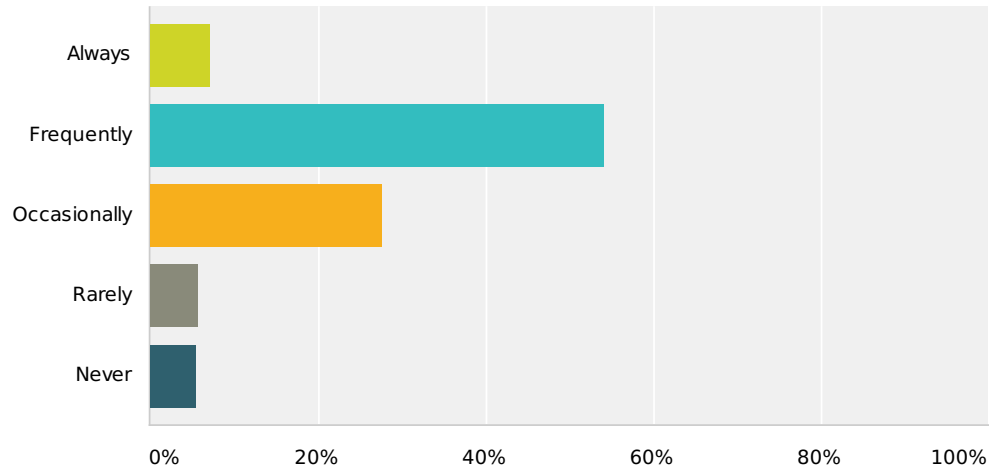
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Answer Choices	Responses
Always	1.51% 15
Frequently	16.88% 168
Occasionally	20.10% 200
Rarely	24.12% 240
Never	37.39% 372
Total	995

Q7 How frequently do you order compounded medications for office stock that you later administer to a patient?

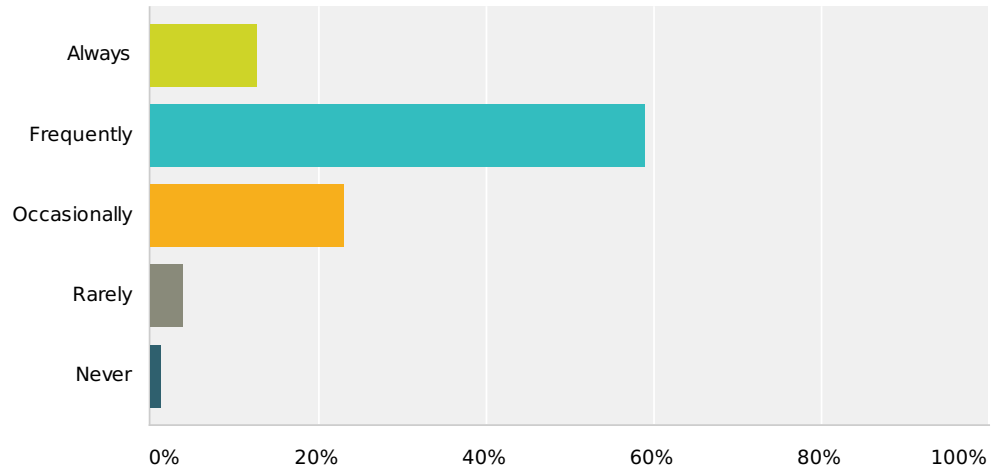
Answered: 996 Skipped: 32



Answer Choices	Responses
Always	7.13% 71
Frequently	54.12% 539
Occasionally	27.61% 275
Rarely	5.72% 57
Never	5.42% 54
Total	996

Q8 How frequently do any veterinarians in your office prescribe compounded medications for a specific patient by name?

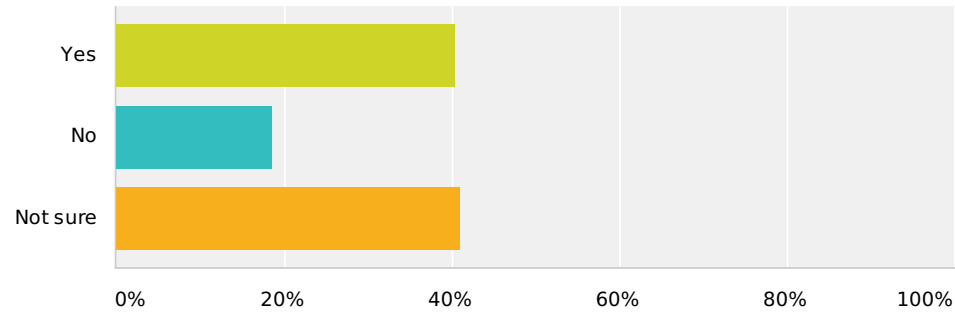
Answered: 992 Skipped: 36



Answer Choices	Responses	
Always	12.70%	126
Frequently	59.07%	586
Occasionally	23.08%	229
Rarely	3.93%	39
Never	1.21%	12
Total		992

Q9 Does the state in which you practice require patient-specific prescriptions for compounded medications?

Answered: 995 Skipped: 33



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	40.40%	402
No	18.59%	185
Not sure	41.01%	408
Total		995

Please feel free to say more about your response. (136)

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1	I do what I have to do to treat the patient.	5/22/2013 12:12 PM
2	Just recently we were told that when prescribing compounded drug that they need to be ordered specifically for that patient. My understanding is that we can give patients compounded drugs in hospital, but cannot be dispensed unless ordered specifically for that patient.	5/22/2013 11:15 AM
3	Colorado	5/20/2013 11:00 PM
4	We previously dispensed a number of compounded medications for our patients, however due to state regulations we have ventured away from this which has made things challenging for our emergency practice.	5/20/2013 4:18 PM
5	Only for controlled substances. For the majority of the medications we have compounded, they are just medications that are on back order from the commercial market.	5/20/2013 1:52 PM
6	We are able to compound meds for exotic species	5/20/2013 9:21 AM

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7	And it is a significant challenge.	5/19/2013 12:25 PM
8	We follow AVMA's most recently published guidelines for compounded medications .	5/19/2013 9:24 AM
9	Just recently they have started requiring patient-specific prescriptions.	5/18/2013 1:16 PM
10	Yes for controlled substances and hormones. athelmintics can be ordered for in house.	5/18/2013 12:40 PM
11	This may change soon	5/18/2013 11:11 AM
12	I practice in KS and MO. KS does not require it. MO does.	5/17/2013 11:59 PM
13	We are allowed to use compounded products that our practice purchases from a compounding pharmacy in-house, but are not allowed to re-sell compounded products that we purchase from a compounding pharmacy to-go-home. We can dispense products we compound in-house to-go-home (cause THAT makes sense!)	5/17/2013 9:21 PM
14	having patient specific medication regulation delays the beginning of treatment for our patients, the day or two for delivery delays treatment	5/17/2013 11:36 AM
15	I believe so.	5/17/2013 9:25 AM
16	Don't carry office stock since have a housecall practice.	5/17/2013 12:01 AM
17	Recently the state changed, by emergency order, to patient-specific prescriptions, but later rescinded the emergency order. I am not sure at this point what the rules are, but I THINK we can still order in office stock....	5/16/2013 11:17 PM
18	That is fine with me that the state I practice in requires a patient-specific prescription for compounded medications. Like I said before, I don't "stock pile" any medication be it commercial or compounded----inventory costs a practice too much. So I've got a patient that needs a medication that I don't stock----I call other local veterinarians to see if they have a dose or two of the medication needed until I can get some in. They do the same.	5/16/2013 9:28 PM
19	Just recently	5/16/2013 8:47 PM
20	I believe this is true but we have to order it ahead of time to ensure it is available in our busy emergency practice where mess are needed during the middle of the night or on the weekend	5/16/2013 6:31 PM
21	It would be so much more convenient to be able to stock medications without a specific prescription so that medicine would be immediately available for use	5/16/2013 6:24 PM
22	not for every medication, although recent changes have made it much more difficult to have on-hand small dose compounded drug available in the clinic	5/16/2013 5:16 PM
23	now and it is a big problem	5/16/2013 4:33 PM
24	This is a recent change in legislation for us. Up until recently, we could order compounded medications for office stock that could be dispensed as needed. We ONLY stocked compounded medications that we could not obtain in a commercial form.	5/16/2013 2:42 PM
25	No, I don't think a federally-run , federally-controlled pharmacy is in my or my patients' best interest.	5/16/2013 2:39 PM
26	Absurd!!	5/16/2013 2:25 PM
27	Most of the time we use pharmaceutical company medications. BUT, we sometimes have no choice to use compounded because of dosing issues or palatability or the difficulty in administering meds to a patient.	5/16/2013 1:55 PM
28	This is left at the discretion of the prescribing veterinarian.	5/16/2013 1:32 PM

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29	The clinic I work at calls in individual prescriptions but has some on hand to get a patient started until the compounded medication arrives.	5/16/2013 1:28 PM
30	We encounter this issue with certain out of state pharmacies.	5/16/2013 1:18 PM
31	Ohio just switched to this which is very frustrating because I don't have anything on hand to give my patients who need something like tacrolimus eye drops or oral buprenorphine.	5/16/2013 1:16 PM
32	We have to use some of the Patient Specific prescriptions for office stock at times	5/16/2013 1:01 PM
33	I think so, but I'm not completely sure.	5/16/2013 12:57 PM
34	Not only does this cause us distress when trying to order in hospital supplies of medication for a patient we are making up so that we can have it on hand, we are no longer able to take advantage of a Refresh program that would replace unused expired medications that we have on hand.	5/16/2013 12:27 PM
35	We have just turned into a "re-distribution" of compounded medications state. It is extremely inconvenient as having to individually rx each drug: 1)cost is more for the patient 2) patient has to wait days and sometimes a week or more to receive the medication, as apposed to it being on the counter already. If the drug was available to me to buy not compounded I would buy it that way, but with all the drug shortages, it has really put veterinarians in a bind to treat patients appropriately.	5/16/2013 11:28 AM
36	In CA we are allowed to have compounded medication in hospital stock to use in hospital or we can send home no more than 72 hours' worth for a patient.	5/16/2013 11:25 AM
37	Patient specific prescriptions are how we always utilize compounded medications. I do not know if this is a state requirement.	5/16/2013 11:21 AM
38	This is very difficult for immediate need meds. It takes time to compound and diarrhea or pain management can't wait the days needed. Having compounded commonly used meds on hand is necessary.	5/16/2013 11:17 AM
39	Except for metronidazole tiny tabs and methimazole transdermal pens, all our compounding is patient-specific	5/16/2013 10:54 AM
40	Most veterinarians do not realize that any time they mix two drugs in one syringe they are compounding. We recognize that here. Also, many veterinarians do not have much of an idea about the lack of consistency within and between batches of compounded products (especially those starting from bulk ingredients) because the therapeutic window may be quite large for that drug to begin with. I also wonder if the use of compounded antibiotics has had a significant impact on creation of resistant populations of organisms due to this variability in potency and stability inherent in compounded medications?	5/16/2013 10:45 AM
41	Patient specific prescriptions is good in theory, it is not possible for every drug. There are certain drugs for pain management that it is not an option to not have them on hand when the patient needs it. This places a burden on the veterinarian- they must choose between their oath in providing patient care, providing a high level of care, and the law. Our clinic orders patient specific compounded drugs on almost a daily basis as the drug manufacturer issues continue to increase. It costs our clinic a significant amount of time and money to track, price and order these drugs in a timely and appropriate manner. Many times we will call multiple compounding pharmacies in an attempt to find the most affordable option for the client.	5/16/2013 10:28 AM
42	We write prescriptions for medications such as Tacrolimus, methimazole, etc. We do use metronidazole that has been compounded into a liquid suspension that we dispense from our office.	5/16/2013 10:25 AM
43	This is very frustrating. We have patients that often need to start specific drugs immediately. Sometimes it is critical to treating their illness. When this is discovered on a weekend or in the evening, and no injectable alternative exists, the patient must suffer until a pharmacy opens because we can no longer dispense compounded drugs from a "hospital" stock. In veterinary patients, especially cats, having compounded drugs immediately available can save an animal's life	5/16/2013 10:19 AM

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44	I am distressed that keeping hospital stock of compounded medications and then dispensing them out under a patient's name does not qualify as "patient-specific prescribing". We are in the process of complying with our state's practice law and will be switching to having the client work directly through the compounding pharmacy, but I do not see how this makes any improvement to this situation. If I use a trusted, authorized compounding pharmacy, why can't I keep their medications on my shelves for dispensing? This does not make sense to me, though I do understand it is our state's practice law.	5/16/2013 10:04 AM
45	We only compound when we cannot obtain the medications we need because they are not available through the regular pharmaceutical companies.	5/16/2013 9:49 AM
46	but we are allowed to dispense a few days to an animal out of our stock	5/16/2013 9:45 AM
47	This is a restriction that hurts to pets more than the practice. We can not have compounded medications on hand and we frequently need them. As a result of this patients have to wait days before starting on a much needed compounded medication.	5/16/2013 9:31 AM
48	In Texas	5/16/2013 9:18 AM
49	The patient-specific requirement is a pointless 'safeguard'. My clinic cat has apparently been on a plethora of medications . . .	5/16/2013 9:17 AM
50	Patient-specific requirements has deeply damaged our duty to keep necessary medications in-stock and available for medical treatment. The delay in acquiring compounded medication by ordering solely on a patient-specific basis is the root cause of delay in the treatment of illness, injury and chronic conditions. Delays due to patient-specific requirements are directly responsible for unnecessary suffering and our compromised ability to halt or manage the disease process. Clients have strong and reasonable expectation that our veterinary facility stock the drugs required to begin treated of animal immediately. Any and all legislation keeping compounded medications from being available on our shelves alongside our other medications are shameful barriers toward the humane treatment of animals. Limitations on our ability to stock compounded medications directly harms our ability to practice veterinary medicine.	5/16/2013 9:17 AM
51	The owners dog gets a lot of medicines...if you know what I mean.	5/16/2013 9:16 AM
52	This legislation just passed in Alabama unfortunately	5/16/2013 9:13 AM
53	I find this to be ridiculous! Doctors should be able to dispense medications the same way whether they come from a distributor or a compounding pharmacy. If something is on back order & we can get it compounded it's ridiculous that we can only order one bottle at a time or as we need it. Especially with doxycycline since we're in an extremely Lyme endemic area.	5/16/2013 8:55 AM
54	We tend to have them compounded for specific patients but I am not sure if it is required.	5/16/2013 8:54 AM
55	Ordering medications for a specific patient rather than keeping certain medications in stock is not always feasible as it is often not in a patients best interest to wait several days to begin medications.	5/16/2013 8:52 AM
56	Not sure	5/16/2013 8:44 AM
57	see above response	5/16/2013 12:35 AM
58	I would hope it does.	5/16/2013 12:21 AM
59	California	5/15/2013 8:54 PM
60	rarely dispensing from stock we have, not ordering any more for office stock	5/15/2013 8:49 PM
61	We do use in stock, compounded meds to animals that in hospitalized.	5/15/2013 7:29 PM
62	Although I only recently found out that this is the case. We didn't know this was a law and were occasionally dispensing compounded medications, but we stopped doing this once we found out.	5/15/2013 7:18 PM
63	If allowed I would dispense compounded medications from the practice occasionally, we did up until recently when the law changed	5/15/2013 5:16 PM

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64	Recently we have had to start prescribing patient-specific medications.	5/15/2013 5:10 PM
65	we compound entirely out of state	5/15/2013 3:21 PM
66	wisconsin	5/15/2013 2:50 PM
67	We used to keep essential medications in stock, now we cannot.	5/15/2013 1:57 PM
68	Compounding pharmacies call our office after we order, to check the order, patient name and DVM name	5/15/2013 1:55 PM
69	I believe the state of Texas does, but am not positive.	5/15/2013 1:26 PM
70	This just took effect in our state.	5/15/2013 1:09 PM
71	Virginia's Board of Pharmacy just met with our Attorney General's Office and Board of Vet Med this past Monday. The conclusion is that Va must enforce federal law stating that compounded drugs cannot be redistributed by veterinarians for sale. This precludes proper patient care in some circumstances where patients require timely medication dispensing for life threatening diagnosed conditions and cannot wait the 2-4 days it often takes to order from an out of State pharmacy and wait for delivery by UPS or mail... MDs face the same issue ie; ophthalmologists need to prescribe avastin compounded for immediate ophthalmic use or patients can become blind. The Federal law simply does not account for the reality of proper patient care...	5/15/2013 12:56 PM
72	MS currently allows "office use" compounds.	5/15/2013 12:10 PM
73	I would love to be able to maintain office stock of commonly prescribed sizes that are not available commercially. I also do reptile and small rodent medicine and sometimes have to compound in office to get them started. I would rather a compounder do this.	5/15/2013 12:04 PM
74	The policy recently changed - not happy about the new regulations.	5/15/2013 11:42 AM
75	We have had to order some office stock for medications that we keep to prescribe to patient for trial that is not available from distributor and then follow-up with patient specific medication prescription if patient shows signs of improvement. We have also ordered some doxycycline that is currently not available from our distributor do to it being backordered.	5/15/2013 10:48 AM
76	I am not sure on this question, although we do carry certain compounded drugs for dispensing at our Veterinary Hospital...	5/15/2013 10:31 AM
77	I'm in Georgia	5/15/2013 10:21 AM
78	This is a new requirement in our state and has made treating our patients VERY difficult. Many patients needs medications quickly to treat serious illnesses/issues. Waiting 3 days for the prescribed medication to be made and shipped is too long for an animal who is suffering to wait.	5/15/2013 9:54 AM
79	It's a requirement that compounded medications produced in state are for a specific patient, but that is a very recent change. Maryland just made that a requirement within the last few weeks. We're still able to get hospital-use compounded medications from out of state.	5/15/2013 9:53 AM
80	As of recently yes. Before we were able to order as 'office use' so that we can have medications in stock when we need them to dispense to clients/patients when needed.	5/15/2013 9:47 AM
81	our hospital uses compounded medications when the FDA approved medication is on back-order and no longer available or when a medication dose needs to be specially made to fit the patient's needs	5/15/2013 9:28 AM
82	This makes it very difficult to keep needed medications on hand. See previous comment about exotics	5/15/2013 9:16 AM
83	Unsure, but we always call in script with instructions on how to use/give to the patient.	5/15/2013 8:35 AM
84	recently added law	5/15/2013 8:16 AM
85	This has presented frustration and problems at times	5/15/2013 7:48 AM

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86	I use in-house supplies to dispense acute use medication such as analgesics and antibiotics. I always have individual prescriptions prepared for chronic use medications.	5/15/2013 7:28 AM
87	Rhode Island...I don't think so, but I'm not entirely sure exactly what this means. We typically specify which patient a compounded medication is for, but we have also received samples of compounded medications that we have kept in the clinic (within expiration limits of course) to use in appropriate cases.	5/15/2013 7:24 AM
88	We can dispense compounded medication from stock for short term use, or to start a patient on a medication which we will have specifically compounded for them in the near future (chronic medications).	5/15/2013 12:07 AM
89	We are able to start the meds from the in office stock and then send a Rx to an outside pharmacy to complete the course of the meds	5/15/2013 12:00 AM
90	recent attention to and as I understand it, enforcement of state regulations now require a patient specific prescription for all compounded medications. this tremendously increases the cost of these medications to the client and will likely result in clients declining treatment due to the cost	5/14/2013 10:23 PM
91	Supposedly. Absolutely absurd.	5/14/2013 9:48 PM
92	i order the compounded items on line, have them delivered to our veterinary hospital so they are available to our patients right away	5/14/2013 9:30 PM
93	I believe it depends on the schedule of the medication. For schedule II we must always specify a specific patient for the prescription, so the script is for that patient only.	5/14/2013 9:05 PM
94	We can order for clinic use and dispense a limited amount to a specific patient.	5/14/2013 8:53 PM
95	LA is run by RWNJ's that want to keep the \$\$ in the hands of big insurance companies, and limit drug availability to patients. Also, they want to cut out any competiton!!	5/14/2013 8:08 PM
96	I have always assumed so	5/14/2013 7:27 PM
97	Unsure	5/14/2013 6:41 PM
98	Currently the use of compounded medications make a big difference in the treatment of many different common diseases seen each day. Veterinarians are trained in how and why to use compounded medicines and which companies are reputable. Limiting the availability of compounded medicines would be very deleterious to patient care.	5/14/2013 6:31 PM
99	Not when ordered to the office. Patient specific when dispensed.	5/14/2013 6:04 PM
100	And it's a real pain in the rear-inski for the client and patient. Of particular concern is pain medication for cats. Human buprenex is in short supply and extremely expensive. We use the sterile human for injectible use, but as a dispensed medication for oral use, it's cost-prohibitive for most pet owners. The glass ampules are a pain/dangerous for dosing as well. We and our clients far prefer the .5mg/ml compounded buprenex for oral home use, but with "patient specific" requirements, we're not supposed to stock it in the hospital. When a cat needs an emergency surgery to remove a piece of swallowed yarn is the cat supposed to wait four days for the pain medication to arrive by mail order? Ridiculous!	5/14/2013 6:00 PM
101	Dispense from our own pharmacy-do not give out prescriptions for compounded meds.	5/14/2013 6:00 PM
102	Some compounding pharmacies are requiring this, some are not	5/14/2013 5:55 PM
103	I believe the answer is yes here in PA	5/14/2013 5:01 PM
104	Just recently Louisiana has become a state that all compounded medications are to be ordered patient specific which makes it difficult to obtain and dispense stock compounded medications for unexpected hospitalized patients. Taking time to order a compounded drug for a sick patient is time wasted	5/14/2013 4:39 PM

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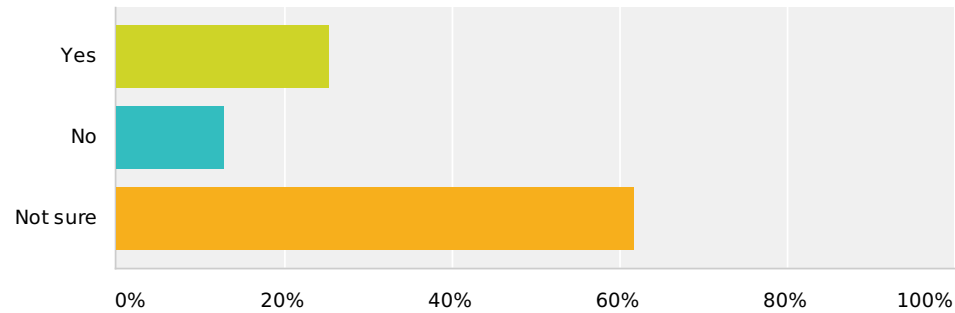
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105	The only time we would order a stock of a compounded medication would be if there were no other option available to us as when Prednisolone was on indefinite backorder and we ordered a 100 count bottle of compounded Prednisolone to hold us over for a while.	5/14/2013 4:26 PM
106	I live in California, but I'm not sure what the law requires. We only prescribe on a patient-by-patient basis.	5/14/2013 4:22 PM
107	I suspect that it is required	5/14/2013 4:17 PM
108	Having compounded medication in stock prior to treating a sick animal benefits the animal because we can begin therapy immediately.	5/14/2013 3:58 PM
109	I am not positive but I suspect it is supposed to be patient specific. I would like it to where compounded meds can be purchased in bulk and dispensed to multiple patients. 25 mg metronidazole or flavored itraconazole are perfect examples of meds you like to have handy rather than order for specific patients.	5/14/2013 3:57 PM
110	I break the law every day in order to provide a higher standard of care for my patients.	5/14/2013 3:40 PM
111	Texas	5/14/2013 3:31 PM
112	No other way to practice.	5/14/2013 3:27 PM
113	I oversee non human primate breeding. Many times, we cannot obtain the proper drug or strength needed unless we have it formulated. And it seems that in recent years, back orders on routine drugs from manufacturers has forced us to use compounding agencies more and more.	5/14/2013 3:21 PM
114	This is rather difficult at times since it takes 2-5 business days to receive medication. If we order in advance of surgeries that MAY need a compounded med and then we can't/don't use it, we are out the money. It costs small businesses quite a bit in wasted meds and delays necessary treatment.	5/14/2013 2:55 PM
115	One of the compounding pharmacies I use requires patient-specific prescriptions anyway.	5/14/2013 2:51 PM
116	I think they require patient-specific prescriptions. If I have a patient that is going to be on a drug for more than a short course of treatment, I'll usually have a specific prescription.	5/14/2013 2:48 PM
117	Recent change, which complicates things for us, especially for buprenorphine. The regular medication has become so expensive, but we use and dispense the oral compounded buprenorphine every day.	5/14/2013 2:48 PM
118	We now are required to have the medication compounded on an as needed basis in which our patients then have to wait 24-72 hours to receive their medication. When clients forget to call for refills or if a pet needs a medication on an emergency basis it is no longer readily available to them.	5/14/2013 2:46 PM
119	Sometimes this makes it very difficult because the patient needs the medication immediately and we have to wait for it to be compounded because we cannot keep these medications in stock without ordering for a clinic pet and then keeping in stock.	5/14/2013 2:42 PM
120	This makes ordering your clinic stock of medications very difficult. If you are ordering to fill your stock and not for a specific patient you are still required to use a pet name.	5/14/2013 2:40 PM
121	Some of the medications we compound (e.g. metronidazole) is not commercially available in a form/size that is safe for use in cats. Without compounding, we'd either not be able to use the drug in this species in spite of its' history of safety and efficacy, or we'd be splitting tablets in the back room and providing very poor dosing.	5/14/2013 2:38 PM
122	All compounded (and non compounded) medications require a written prescription by our veterinarians.	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
123	I can get office stock compounds for use in my clinic without a patient name but anything I send home with the client has to be compounded for that client's pet.	5/14/2013 2:31 PM
124	Many medications have been going on backorder over the last few years. Compounding medications has allowed us to still be able to give my patients these medications while on backorder.	5/14/2013 2:27 PM

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125	Pretty much the only time I'll order a patient specific formulation is when either 1) its something rare that we don't stock or 2) I'm having it shipped directly to the patient. I'd much prefer to have clinic stock of the medications we use commonly.	5/14/2013 2:22 PM
126	LABEL	5/14/2013 2:15 PM
127	We are a zoo so we own our animals - there are no clients. However, we dispense medication to our own animals just like in a regular hospital, with a valid prescription, written by the overseeing veterinarian, given to the keeper for a specific animal.	5/14/2013 2:12 PM
128	we have office compounded meds for emergency use. Beyond that, compounded meds are called in for specific patients	5/14/2013 2:08 PM
129	The fact that it may become illegal for me to keep a small stock of compounded meds for patients yet it is legal for me to make my own compounded medications in house is ridiculous. Much more likely for errors to occur that way. Meds should be compounded by a licensed compounding pharmacist and then only the brief storage and prescribing out to patients should be left to us.	5/14/2013 2:08 PM
130	This is a hassle, we prefer having it in stock	5/14/2013 2:07 PM
131	Another dumb law that makes no sense and benefits no one.	5/14/2013 2:06 PM
132	MN - not sure	5/14/2013 1:59 PM
133	Tapazole Baytril cisapride Metacam Flagyl Reglan	5/14/2013 1:59 PM
134	Just recently	5/14/2013 1:58 PM
135	This makes it difficult to maintain hospital use products	5/14/2013 1:52 PM
136	Yada yada	5/14/2013 1:23 PM

Q10 Most states currently permit veterinarians to dispense medications to pet owners; many do not differentiate the rules for dispensing FDA-approved drugs and compounded drugs. Does your state permit dispensing compounded medications to pet owners for a fee?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	25.38%	251
No	12.84%	127
Not sure	61.78%	611
Total		989

Please feel free to say more about your response. (61)

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1	I do what I have to do to treat the patient.	5/22/2013 12:12 PM
2	If I am providing a medication that they can't get, it requires me to know how to diagnose a condition and how to treat it, what medication is needed, how or where to get it/ how to dose it/ how to lable it and time to call it in - I believe I should be able to charge a dispensing fee.	5/21/2013 12:02 AM
3	Except if using exact same fee for regular scripts or the meds we mix in hospital because there is no other options.....and these are charged normal rx fees not a seperate compounding fee	5/20/2013 9:21 AM
4	We do not charge a fee.	5/20/2013 8:31 AM

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5	I would assume not as this question makes it sound like I am dispensing from office stock which we are no longer permitted to have.	5/19/2013 12:25 PM
6	We may order compounded medications for a patient and have the client reimburse us for the cost of the medication plus a professional fee for handling the ordering and proper storage of the medication.	5/19/2013 9:24 AM
7	Not sure of this question. If you mean does our clinic charge for medication we compound yes. There is not a higher fee for this convenience.	5/18/2013 12:40 PM
8	This may change soon	5/18/2013 11:11 AM
9	I think so?	5/17/2013 11:59 PM
10	As far as I know, we can dispense compounded medications to pet owners.	5/17/2013 11:45 PM
11	In the state of Ohio we are permitted to use compounded medications but as far as I know there is no associated fee.	5/17/2013 4:59 PM
12	I don't dispense directly to the owner. I use a compounding pharmacy.	5/17/2013 12:01 AM
13	I assume that the state permits it but I am not 100% sure. If they do not I am unaware.	5/16/2013 11:32 PM
14	Not sure	5/16/2013 11:09 PM
15	I believe my state allows a minimal markup of the compounded medication that is no more than 33% over the cost of my clinic obtaining the compounded product. In practice terms this isn't a very large markup on medications but that is, as i understand in my state, the "letter of the law". So be it. I assume this 33% markup limit includes the shipping fee as well to get the compounded product to my clinic--so I markup the compounded medication at 133% of my cost to have that compounded product arrive at my clinic. example: cost of the compounded medication and the shipping cost to my clinic totals \$100.00, the client cost or is charged \$133.00. That's not a lot of profit to my clinic. So how do I attempt to stay in business and stay profitable? I am a "service" based veterinarian. I charge more for services: exams, physicals, lameness, repro, ultrasound, radiographs, sheath cleanings, dentals, health certificates, lab work and interpretation of the results, ect. that most do in my area. Why do I structure my practice based on this? The days of dispensing medications for any degree of significant profit in veterinary medicine are long gone. Furthermore, I don't want to make my money as a "drug dealer" I want to make my money for my professional expertise in evaluating a patient and using my knowledge and skills to determine and conclude with a diagnosis and treatment plan. My clients pay a premium for my expertise and get the medications at minimal to no profit to my practice. "Pay me for my knowledge and not for the paste, pills, liquid, ect." It all evens out in the end. Low cost exam and diagnostics prices but very high markup on medications vs. higher cost exam and diagnostics but low markup on medications. In the end it's the same. If you want to know some insight to this though---People appreciate the "services" far more than any medications you dispense. That's why people like this practice concept. They know they're paying for professional services and not being bent over to take it in the shorts for medications. People know what drugs costs are these days---they just go online and look. I don't get many calls about my medications costs even after people have looked online and compared. I rarely ever get any bad feedback about my professional services fees either--they know they got their money's worth because they needed a professional to diagnose the problem and they only called me because their friends, there psychic, their trainer, their farrier and even their chiropracter/accupuncturist couldn't help their horse	5/16/2013 9:28 PM
16	I'm not sure I understand the question - do you mean a fee to the state? all medications prescribed or dispensed would have a cost to the owner and the dispensing pharmacy	5/16/2013 5:16 PM
17	We do charge a fee for compunding in hospital. As far as the pharmacies, I am unsure.	5/16/2013 5:03 PM
18	and don't care? Generally, I let the pharmacy bill the client. I stay out of that loop.	5/16/2013 2:39 PM
19	Gosh I hope so... I honestly don't know.	5/16/2013 1:55 PM
20	Not 100% sure but think so.	5/16/2013 1:34 PM
21	Pet owners usually have to pay for their medications. I know of no law stating we must dispense medicine for free.	5/16/2013 1:18 PM

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22	I will have to check into this as I had not idea that any states differentiated between medications based on their origin	5/16/2013 10:54 AM
23	This is not clarified in my state law. It needs to be.	5/16/2013 10:45 AM
24	I am unsure of the questions, therefore, I opted for "Not sure".	5/16/2013 10:21 AM
25	See last answer. We cannot dispense compounded drugs. This was a loss in revenue for us, but just a small one. More importantly the patients suffer needlessly	5/16/2013 10:19 AM
26	As I said above, we have been dispensing compounded medications not knowing this was not in compliance with our state's practice law (the above specific permission was added in February 2013), and we are in the process of full compliance. That said, I remain frustrated that it makes any difference to the FDA since this is not a problem for the nation's health. It seems to me there are much more important problems to be trying to solve.	5/16/2013 10:04 AM
27	Really doesn't apply as I practice in a shelter environment and technically all the animals are owner by the shelter and all are under my care for the duration of treatment with full discretion on my part as to what medication best suits the patients needs.	5/16/2013 9:16 AM
28	We do it, I assume it is legal to do so.	5/16/2013 9:16 AM
29	Recent change in law in this state (VA)	5/16/2013 8:51 AM
30	exotic practice requires a large number of compounded medications to properly treat the patients appropriately.	5/16/2013 12:35 AM
31	I would think it does.	5/16/2013 12:21 AM
32	I have been lead to believe that is what is required.	5/15/2013 4:45 PM
33	wisconsin	5/15/2013 2:50 PM
34	See above comment	5/15/2013 12:56 PM
35	Compounded products cannot be resold, that is, they cannot be relabeled, repackaged and dispensed. Dispensed compounded medications must be in the original prescription container from the compounding pharmacy and labeled for an individual patient.	5/15/2013 12:10 PM
36	Our state allows it, but not for an additional fee - not sure what that means	5/15/2013 11:11 AM
37	Often I will order compounded medications from a pharmacy. The pharmacy sends them to my office and the owner picks up the medications at the office for the same price that the pharmacy billed me including shipping costs if applicable.	5/15/2013 9:16 AM
38	To the best of my knowledge we are permitted to dispense small amounts for acute use, such as post-op pain medication.	5/15/2013 7:28 AM
39	not absolutely sure, but I don't think so without a compounding license	5/15/2013 4:28 AM
40	except for the first dose	5/15/2013 12:00 AM
41	Not sure	5/14/2013 11:20 PM
42	Again this is outrageous	5/14/2013 9:48 PM
43	I'm wondering if this question refers to mixing multiple medications together in the office to make a combination that is not FDA approved. We virtually never do this in our practice.	5/14/2013 9:05 PM
44	We frequently encounter situations where drugs go on back order or are cost prohibitive. This legislation,if passed, would cause my patients to go without medications that are necessary and needed! Doxycycline is a good example. We use this drug every day. It is currently cost prohibitive.	5/14/2013 8:29 PM

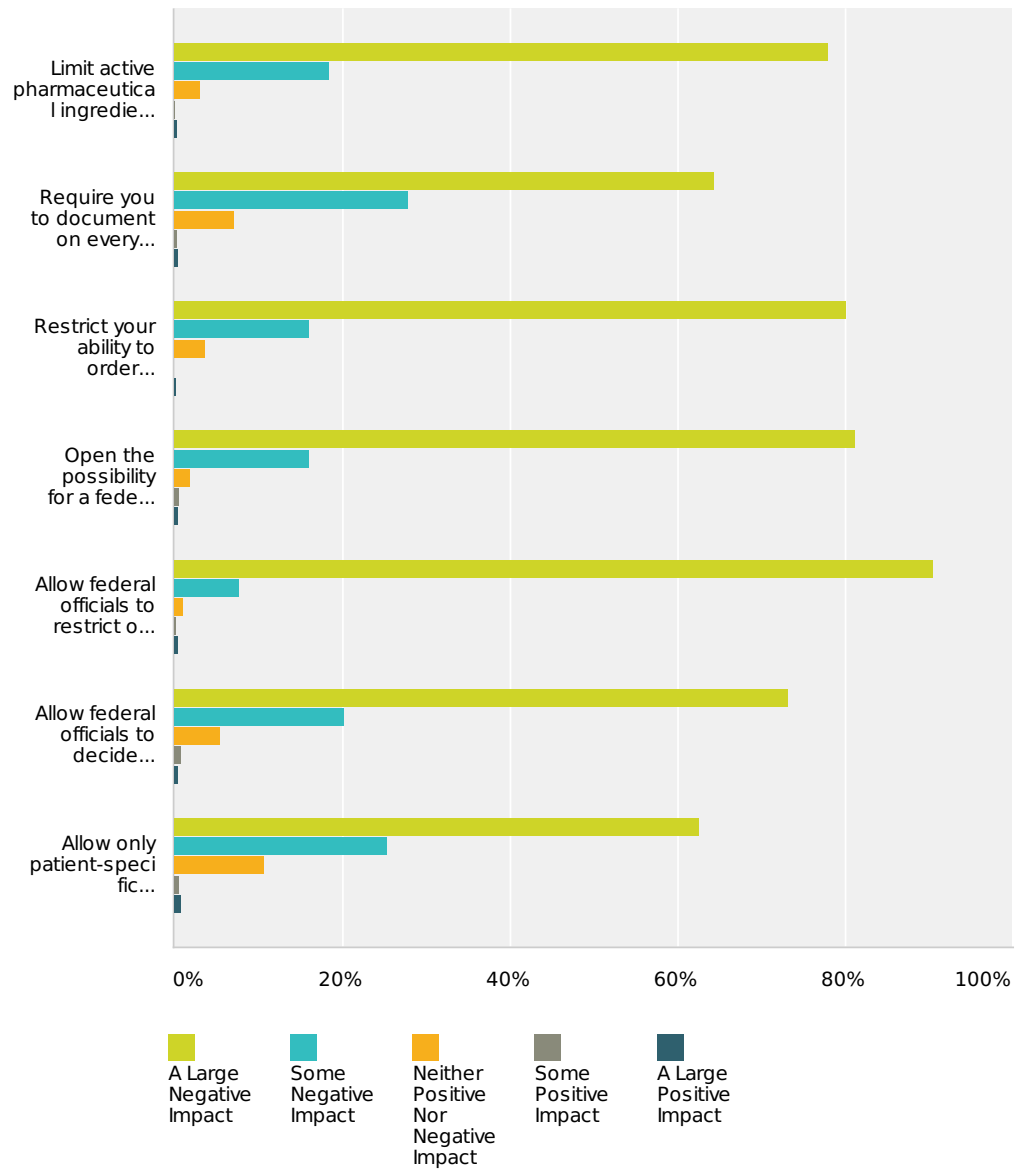
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45	California, we are only allowed to give 3 days treatment, then must direct client to obtain on their own. We almost never know if the remaining prescription is given to the pet.	5/14/2013 7:53 PM
46	Unsure	5/14/2013 6:41 PM
47	Most of the time our compounded medications are dispensed directly to the owner by the pharmacy. The exceptions would be ear medications and injectable medications.	5/14/2013 5:08 PM
48	I believe the answer is no here in PA	5/14/2013 5:01 PM
49	Yes, but it does not permit veterinarians to do the compounding. So, for instance, if a patient needs a compounded medication, like transdermal methimazole, and the client does not want to deal directly with the compounding pharmacy, we can order it here and sell it here to the client; it comes labeled for that patient.	5/14/2013 4:26 PM
50	I'm never sure if the compounding pharmacy used or mixed the medication properly.	5/14/2013 3:56 PM
51	We dispense compounded medications, but I am not sure if there is an additional fee.	5/14/2013 3:30 PM
52	As long as there are no ethical products available.	5/14/2013 3:06 PM
53	Regardless of whether it is permissible to charge a fee for dispensing compounded medications to pet owner, I do not charge any additional fees. Pet owners are charged the cost of the medication and a reasonable mark-up.	5/14/2013 2:51 PM
54	Recent change, which complicates things for us, especially for buprenorphine. The regular medication has become so expensive, but we use and dispense the oral compounded buprenorphine every day.	5/14/2013 2:48 PM
55	We are supposed to charge the same thing that the compounding pharmacy charges us for a compounded medication but of course we can charge whatever we want for non-compounded medications that we stock. This does not seem to be the right way to do this - it's our business and our ability to charge what the market will bear and that it should be the same for all medications.	5/14/2013 2:42 PM
56	No compounded medication is ever dispensed/prescribed for free by our practice.	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
57	My state specifically says that unless a compound was made for a specific patient that it can only be used in my office. I can order a compound for a specific patient and then dispense that compound to that client but not to any other client.	5/14/2013 2:31 PM
58	Again, not a specific concern for our organization (zoo) so I haven't looking into state law on this issue. I would think that it would become very confusing if the rules were different.	5/14/2013 2:12 PM
59	emergency usage	5/14/2013 2:08 PM
60	But my company does not allow this, we are only allowed to dispense enough until their prescription is filled.	5/14/2013 2:07 PM
61	Yada yada	5/14/2013 1:23 PM

Q11 The Senate legislative proposal contains elements that may or may not affect how you practice medicine and the availability of compounded preparations. For each of these proposals, please indicate the impact it would have on how you prescribe and/or patient outcomes if it were the law.

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A Large Negative Impact	Some Negative Impact	Neither Positive Nor Negative Impact	Some Positive Impact	A Large Positive Impact	Total
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Limit active pharmaceutical ingredients that can be compounded to a number that could be much lower than the 250+ in common use now, for example a dozen or two.	78.04% 739	18.48% 175	3.06% 29	0.11% 1	0.32% 3	947
Require you to document on every prescription why the compounded medication will make a significant difference to your patient compared with a manufactured drug.	64.35% 610	27.85% 264	7.07% 67	0.32% 3	0.42% 4	948
Restrict your ability to order compounds for office use.	80.11% 757	16.08% 152	3.60% 34	0% 0	0.21% 2	945
Open the possibility for a federal official to define what makes a "significant difference" for a patient between a manufactured drug and a compounded medication.	81.18% 768	16.07% 152	1.80% 17	0.53% 5	0.42% 4	946
Allow federal officials to restrict or eliminate compounding any variation of a manufactured drug including changing the dose or dosage form.	90.58% 856	7.72% 73	1.06% 10	0.21% 2	0.42% 4	945
Allow federal officials to decide whether compounds for dogs, cats and horses must be made from manufactured drugs instead of bulk active pharmaceutical ingredients.	73.26% 693	20.19% 191	5.39% 51	0.74% 7	0.42% 4	946

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Allow only patient-specific prescriptions for compounded medications.	62.66% 594	25.42% 241	10.65% 101	0.53% 5	0.74% 7	948
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Please feel free to say more about your responses. (160)

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1	Animals are not always easy to medicate - flavored liquids, transdermals, chewies tremendously help my clients to help their pets. Compounding also helps me practice medicine when many companies have "maufacture backorders". By having some stock supplies of medications that are not available (ie: DES) I can treat patients as needed without a week wait.	5/21/2013 12:10 AM
2	I would like to see thier veterinary medical degree or their pharmacy degree before I give them the authority to decide how to treat patients and decide who get what and how doesn't. We are moving farther and farther towards socialized medicine!!!!	5/20/2013 11:02 PM
3	Compounding for the hospital by a well regulated compounding pharmacies allows us to dispense needed meds that may not cost the owner a lot of money. Too often common drugs that we have regular pharmacies dispense are removed frm the market making the treatment of certain diseases cost prohibitive for owners	5/20/2013 10:58 PM
4	Restricting compounded medications like this would be devastating to most practioners. And having people who are not in daily private practice is even worse; they cannot have any idea how these decision affect the day to day of veterinarians and their patients.	5/20/2013 3:00 PM
5	Many drugs are becoming less and less available (back order and the like), or they are not available commercially in an appropriate size or form for a specific patient. If compounding pharmacies were unable to provide the medications that they do, many patients would be unable to get the medications they need, which sometimes could result in a life threatening situation.	5/20/2013 1:58 PM
6	As a shelter veterinarian, compounded medications are crucial to combact tickborne diseases, contagious upper respiratory illnesses, etc.	5/20/2013 12:24 PM
7	Not having medications readily available just about makes practice impossible.ticks off pet owners.....steels rx 's to local pharmacies even though people don't necessarily want to go elsewhere to pick up something else.	5/20/2013 9:23 AM
8	I do not understand why it should be a problem for a veterinary practice to stock and dispense compounded medications such as metronidazole tablets. The drug is not available commercially in appropriate dosages for our small animal patients. Conditions for which this drug is prescribed often cause debilitating diarrhea and require immediate therapy. These patients would suffer unnecessarily if forced to wait for an individual prescription to be prepared and shipped. Why is it a problem for me to have it available for immediate use? I wish someone could explain this to me.	5/19/2013 9:53 PM
9	It would take a large amount of time to compound medications in my office for each patient that I use in house compounded medications in. This would ultimately reduce the numbers of cases I can see during the day, reducing my income.	5/19/2013 3:46 PM
10	My state legislation is already having a significant effect on several of these.	5/19/2013 12:27 PM
11	There are already guidelines inplace as published by AVMA to deal with compounded medications and I believe they are pretty exhaustive. Instead of making the whole process more complicated why does the government just hold compounding pharmacies and veterinarians accountable for what is already in place. And, as a compounding pharmacy, why do you not uphold the law instead of trying to increase your revenue by filling medication and advertising medication that you know are being requested in an illegal manner. These practices are, in part, what has led to this situation	5/19/2013 9:28 AM
12	Compounding has a wide definition. for example if I mix the manufactured drug with pedalyte instead of water that is compounding. I don't feel I have to document a reason why, just that I use an alternative diluent.	5/18/2013 12:43 PM

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13	There are many reasons to use compounded medications that I do not feel a 'federal official' is always competent to make appropriate decisions regarding. The practice of medicine should be left in the hands of veterinarians. Many of the drugs we can use that are FDA regulated are still off label and we have a better understanding of our patients needs and risks. Until there are veterinary specific pharmacists available in common pharmacies to note patient safety at a cost effective price this will make many treatment options cost prohibitive for clients. The delay for mail order is also dangerous for many conditions. Who will be paying for the oversight of this law?	5/18/2013 11:15 AM
14	Doctors should be given the authority to determine the best care for their patients, not lawyers and law makers with no medical training.	5/18/2013 12:32 AM
15	If our patients were all the same species and same size, this would be less of an issue but given that our patients weigh from ounces to tons, we need to have the ability to use our training and discretion to prescribe according to the patient's needs.	5/17/2013 11:50 PM
16	Caught me at a negative time. More Big Brother.	5/17/2013 5:49 PM
17	Many of the medications used are formulated for humans and without compounding it can be incredibly difficult, if not impossible, to properly dose these medications. These are quality of life and quality of care issues and these animals and their owners deserve the best possible medical care. Limiting compounding would create a huge negative impact on the veterinary medical communities ability to provide the best care possible and could lead to unnecessary euthanasia.	5/17/2013 5:03 PM
18	If there wasn't such a problem with manufactured product backorders there wouldn't be such a need for compounded medications. The impact of not having an alternative to turn to would have a huge negative impact on the patients health.	5/17/2013 3:59 PM
19	the gov't is TOO involved with compounding meds for pets.....the reason we turn to compounding pharmacies is because the gov't keeps removing items we have used for years and then when they are back on the market, the items are 3-10 times more expensive than they were originally and have been for years. We turn to compounding pharmacies also to make it more affordable for our clients to treat their pets---otherwise they can't and then they euthanize their pet.....	5/17/2013 12:52 PM
20	We are veterinary professionals and want the most effective drug for the best price for our patients. And doing a lot more paperwork to get tx for them is NOT needed	5/17/2013 10:56 AM
21	So many animals would lose access to life-saving treatments because of these restrictions.	5/17/2013 8:34 AM
22	Again I feel it is the doctors responsibility to determine what is the best treatment option for a patient based on each individual case. Due to the variety of species, options are very limited to veterinarians and due to the costs of developing and marketing alternative drugs, varying dosages, drug forms, and especially approval by species, unlike the human field, we must be able to develop effective treatments for our patients. More limitations will just prevent us from effectively treating, and force more veterinarians to compound illegally to be able to treat.	5/17/2013 1:38 AM
23	Many times patients need medications "right now" if I cannot stock some of these medications it could put an animals life at risk.	5/16/2013 11:36 PM
24	When treating ill patients (especially avian patients) the delay to obtain compounded patient-specific meds could be fatal.	5/16/2013 10:36 PM
25	In the rural area where we practice, it can take a week or longer to receive compounded medications. If we must order a compounded drug for the specific patient rather than pre-purchasing a strength we expect to use in certain disease processes, the delay could be detrimental to the health of the patient.	5/16/2013 7:55 PM
26	Some medications are not the appropriate size for some of the smaller animals and therefore compounding is safer and more accurate. Also, with all the drug shortages our patients will suffer if we can't get the medication we need.	5/16/2013 7:36 PM
27	Compounded medications are less expensive than manufactured medications, and I understand the need of the pharmaceutical companies to profit from their research/development investments. I also am wary about the quality control and consistency of compounded medications based on studies done, for example, of trilostane. I feel compounding is essential for many cats that cannot otherwise be medicated. I can't live without leave-in ear treatments!	5/16/2013 4:53 PM
28	The government should stay out of our profession. We alone were taught pharmacology, not them. The government is the worst organization for competency and honesty.	5/16/2013 4:04 PM

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29	These are all decisions that should be made for the specific patient by the attending veterinarian.	5/16/2013 3:39 PM
30	I think there should be more of a focus on ensuring the stock of compounded medications is formulated correctly and from appropriate active ingredients so the when hospitals do need them for stock bottles, we can rest assured the medications are safe and effective. The fact remains though that we do, as a whole profession, continue to have access to in-house compounded formulations for medical, humane and financial reasons.	5/16/2013 3:37 PM
31	I think it would be difficult for federal officials to understand how to define new laws without having to deal with treating pets on a daily basis. They could not possibly know what hurdles veterinarians may come up against for individual patient needs.	5/16/2013 2:46 PM
32	I wish I had something sarcastic to say that would make light of this situation. Mr obama has lots of other countries he could live in to ru(i)n.	5/16/2013 2:42 PM
33	Having politicians dictate how I use compounded medications in my patients is a outrageous. This is as ridiculous as having someone like me (whose training is in science and veterinary medicine) heading the CIA. I feel certain that most politicians have little understanding of why we need compounded medications. I also feel certain that most politicians do not realize the impact this legislation would have on the average pet owner. For some of my patients, the inability to change the form of a drug (from a regular 5 mg tablet into a 5mg chicken-flavored tablet) would have cost them their lives. I challenge the legislators to administer a pill to an unhappy cat every day for the rest of it's life. The politicians need to focus on things that they actually have knowledge of, and not punish the average pet owner. It takes a veterinarian or devoted pet owner to understand the unique challenges we face. Successfully treating many conditions in animals requires the ability to get the drug into the animal, the ability for the pet owner to access the drug in a timely manner, and the ability to afford the medication. All the proposals listed above will greatly impair treatment of animals, and lead to unnecessary death and suffering of the animals we are here to protect and care for. -Kristy Baranik	5/16/2013 2:28 PM
34	I refer to my original statement	5/16/2013 2:26 PM
35	1. Compounded medications improve owner compliance. 2. Many animals are treated, that would suffer if compounding were restricted.	5/16/2013 1:52 PM
36	Just substitute big pharma for federal official then this survey might get closer to the Truth!	5/16/2013 1:48 PM
37	Some compounded drugs are commonly used like DES. It used to be available as a human drug but now is only a Veterinary drug. Therefore, human pharmacies no longer carry this medicine.	5/16/2013 12:35 PM
38	My hospital works on avian and exotic species. So there are no drugs available other than compounded drugs. So it would destroy my practice and make a lot of animals not get the proper care they need.	5/16/2013 12:20 PM
39	To think that someone not directly involved in the decision-making process of a patient's care can make reasonable decisions regarding that patient's care is asking for significant problems.	5/16/2013 12:20 PM
40	If the federal officials included veterinarians and their input was taken seriously, I don't see how they would allow something like this to happen.	5/16/2013 12:04 PM
41	All of these initiatives seem to be for the benefit of the pharmaceutical company and are clearly not designed to support the health needs of our critical care patients.	5/16/2013 11:38 AM
42	This would be a nightmare. I'm not sure why they want to do this but it sounds like the only "good" it will do is cost money, take time and make it more difficult to appropriately treat our patients!	5/16/2013 11:27 AM
43	Veterinarians need to be able to make the decisions for individual patients, not non medical persons. Not even physicians.	5/16/2013 11:19 AM
44	I want said legislators to try to give an irate, sick cat with all claws and teeth some Metronidazole. That ought to show them WHY we need alternate formats for medications, especially when multiple medications have to be given.	5/16/2013 11:04 AM
45	My God, the last thing we need is some numbnut federal official deciding what a "significant difference" means. Welcome Big Brother to the Nanny State	5/16/2013 10:52 AM

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46	Availability of manufactured drugs has been sporadic recently with many backorders. Compounding allows us to deal with interruptions in availability and restricts drug companies from monopoly tactics.	5/16/2013 10:48 AM
47	You misspeak in using the term "significant difference" since the proposed legislation uses the term "clinical difference" and that is what veterinarians should be striving for anyway. Your 5th point is false - compounding pharmacies will be able to compound variations of manufactured drugs. As a profession, we need to take more responsibility for our actions related to recommendation and use of compounded drugs. The proposed legislation is a big step in the right direction.	5/16/2013 10:45 AM
48	It is obscene to think federal officials could tie the veterinarians hands in what they determine should be available or indicated for patients. There is a simple answer- if they want to "Fix" the increased use of compounding pharmacies- the focus should be on the ongoing dramatic increase in back orders, drugs no longer being manufactured (critical and non critical) , non substantiated price increases that render the manufactured drug unusable. No clinic wants to use more compounded drugs. It takes from our business bottom line in every way. It is the ONLY way to provide the treatment our patients need!!	5/16/2013 10:38 AM
49	I don't know what the impact of the limitation of what medications can be compounded since I don't know what might be on the list. It may have no affect on me, or could be significant. The same is true for some of the other restrictions- they may have no impact on how I practice or may have a great impact depending on what those restrictions are to be.	5/16/2013 10:28 AM
50	Compounded medications are vital to the care of companion animals. Typing the prescribing of these medications up with red tape or eliminating their availability will lower the standard of care for companion animals. These pets will experience longer and more painful recovery from surgery and illness and an overall decrease in quality of life.	5/16/2013 10:26 AM
51	Unless the drug companies are going to drastically expand the variety of manufactured drugs including dosage forms and sizes, compounding will continue to be essential for the effective practice of veterinary medicine.	5/16/2013 10:13 AM
52	The restrictions will dramatically limit availability and variety of drugs in other forms and concentrations that will impact animal health negatively in a large way. Animals will die simply because their owners are not able to medicate them with a manufactured oral drug and have no alternative forms that can be compounded and administered. Other animals will die because as it is drugs are expensive to compound in many cases and such regulation will make it cost inhibitive for owners to continue therapies that keep their pets alive. Very sad.	5/16/2013 10:01 AM
53	It is very important that we veterinarians retain our ability to treat numerous species of widely varying sizes to the best of our abilities. This means maintaining the ability to administer and prescribe compounded medications.	5/16/2013 9:53 AM
54	Too MUCH GOVERNMENT!!!	5/16/2013 9:50 AM
55	already the documentation that we are doing is taking a significant amount of time to do on a daily basis- there are only so many hours in my day and the patients come first!	5/16/2013 9:47 AM
56	These laws are essentially making making lawmakers break the law by having them practice medicine without a license.	5/16/2013 9:40 AM
57	I am already required to use patient specific Rxs	5/16/2013 9:19 AM
58	This legislation is just making our jobs harder and adding lots of unnecessary paperwork. They need to just let us practice medicine and stop putting limitations on how we practice. It is bad enough they are tying human doctor's hands.	5/16/2013 9:17 AM
59	What in God's name would have us think that federal officials can be trusted to make a good decision from out patients' point of view?	5/16/2013 9:09 AM
60	Why do I get the feeling that either big corporate drug money and/or Obamacare is behind all this nonsense!! just another effort to put mom and pop out of business. Tell these mental morons (senators) who have been bought and paid for in return for political favors, that i don't hear my patients complaining. What I see is my patients getting better or is that not important to these cretins (senators). After fluroshing for 2000 years now I know why the Roman Empire collapsed and failed: they too had a senate!!	5/16/2013 9:04 AM
61	see above	5/16/2013 8:57 AM

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62	It takes so much time to have a medication compounded to specific patients that it may impact survival of those patients needing it immediately.	5/16/2013 8:57 AM
63	We see alot of exotic animals for which the proper dosage does not exist without compounding. In addition, may cat owners are unable to give pills to their cats in which case compounding a drug to liquid form is crucial.	5/16/2013 8:55 AM
64	Clinically it is much better to have some of these medications on hand for patients that need them now and not have to wait for them to be made and sent to the client.	5/16/2013 8:42 AM
65	compounded medication is needed to adequately treat many exotic species. Please do NOT limit their usage	5/16/2013 12:38 AM
66	I don't feel that the people making these decisions have a good working knowledge of veterinary medicine and how it differs from human medicine. A human doctor prescribes a medication and the patient picks it up from the pharmacy. With animal preparations, pharmacies are not that widespread and thus often times the preparations must be shipped and the lag time from diagnosis to the onset of treatment can be devastating.	5/15/2013 9:34 PM
67	Patients often require immediate treatment and cannot wait 1-2 days for medication. How obvious is this?	5/15/2013 7:43 PM
68	As long as the bulk pharmaceuticals ingredients are safe or inspected, I trust the certified compounding pharmacist to make the drugs I ask for. They have been a great boon to feline practice and health. It would be very difficult to practice medicine otherwise. Cats are not small dogs, who by the way also benefit from compounded medications. Regulate the ingredients not the distributors.	5/15/2013 5:46 PM
69	Back ordered medications and patient dosing according to their weight are the biggest reasons we compound. Sick or injured patients can not always wait until there prescription is filled at a compounding pharmacy. It is preferred to start them on medication in our hospital and then have it compounded to the specific patient.	5/15/2013 5:19 PM
70	There was already a large neg impact when our state stopped allowing compounds for office use	5/15/2013 5:19 PM
71	All of these would negatively impact our ability to treat our patients. I understand the concerns with compounding pharmacies but we should leave it in the hands of the compounding pharmacy to up their standards to prevent issues like contamination and let veternarians make their own informed decisions.	5/15/2013 3:57 PM
72	This is absurd! Our veterinarians are far more qualified to prescribe and administer medications than a "federal official" who has no idea of individual patient needs. There is no problem with the current system, so there is no true need to create additional legislation to limit the availability of medications and compounds that are often difficult to obtain through pharmaceutical companies.	5/15/2013 2:44 PM
73	To have federal officials limit compounding when there is also manufacturing is a huge negative. The MO now is to remove a manufactured product from the market, then put it back on at a hugely inflated price. The legislature works with the manufacturer to keep the product from being compounded if there is someone manufacturing it. This is interference with free trade and commerce, but the legislature does it because they are being bribed with campaign contributions.	5/15/2013 1:39 PM
74	I believe patient-specific prescriptions allow greater accountability for tracking prescription medications, ensuring that expired medications are not dispensed, and limiting the amount of pharmaceutical waste from a practice.	5/15/2013 1:26 PM
75	While there should be some exceptions (perhaps a maximum of a 48-72 hour supply of meds dispensed from office compounds when the vet needs to get a patient started on a med before it can arrive from the compounding pharmacy), I believe that compounded prescriptions should be filled for an individual patient according to specific patient needs.	5/15/2013 12:15 PM
76	I am only allowed to do patient specific prescriptions and cannot maintain office stock, therefor it is a draw on those two questions. I would love to be able to do both of those things though.	5/15/2013 12:07 PM
77	We are already struggling with shortages of pharmaceutical drugs. For example, many medications are not available due to manufacturing problems. Now there is going to be restrictions on compounded medications?!? My hands are going to be tied and I will no longer be able to practice medicine without supplies.	5/15/2013 11:57 AM

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78	The very last thing this government needs to do is to become larger, more intrusive, and to further inhibit the practice veterinary medicine and further restrict small business. I do not see any problem with the way things are now, so why introduce more cumbersome and costly regulations?	5/15/2013 11:56 AM
79	Our primary reason for use of compounded drugs would be that it is commercially not available from distributor/manufacturer due to backorder situations and no product that has been manufactured for purchase.	5/15/2013 10:54 AM
80	If you live in an area without an immediately available, 24 hour local compounding pharmacy, patient-specific prescriptions require using a mail-order pharmacy to dispense compounded medications. By doing so, patients may be delayed in receiving their prescriptions by 1-7 days. For some medications, this is not critical. But for antibiotics or life-saving medications, this delay could mean the difference between treatment success and failure, and certainly the delay would contribute to reduced quality of life for the patient. By being allowed to dispense compounded medications from hospital stock, this delay is eliminated and patients can be treated efficiently and effectively.	5/15/2013 10:41 AM
81	Some are these responses are difficult to gauge unless I know how the final bill will be put together..All in all, any change in the way we use compounded drugs could be problematic to our clients and their pets	5/15/2013 10:36 AM
82	This is crazy. Any one of these proposals being implemented would have a terrible impact on the pets that we care for. We need compounded medications in order to 1) have such medications on-hand for emergency cases, 2) help to cure infection and/or reduce pain immediately, and 3) allow our clients to obtain these medications outside of our hospital at a reasonable cost.	5/15/2013 10:00 AM
83	These proposals would change much more than just how a client/patient get their required medications. Many of these proposals will add a significant amount of time needed to prescribe medications to those who need it. These requirements are asking for far too much time, more than any busy Veterinary practice can spare. I feel that the patients will be the ones who suffer the most as most Veterinarians will try to find new ways of dealing with illnesses that will bypass these restrictions.	5/15/2013 10:00 AM
84	It will ultimately drive costs of practice up.	5/15/2013 9:44 AM
85	You can't generalize veterinary medicine across the board. Each patient is unique and their needs are specific to them. Veterinarians need the freedom to dose each patient as seen fit for that case.	5/15/2013 9:27 AM
86	The impact of restrictions would be profound....and what is the motivating factor? Is there something broke that we are unaware of?	5/15/2013 7:49 AM
87	It is critical that we be allowed compounded analgesics for anesthetic use.	5/15/2013 7:30 AM
88	Any time government and non-medical individuals attempt to regulate medicine, it is NEVER a positive outcome. I fail to see the benefit of restrictions which would make it MORE difficult for me to offer helpful medications to my patients.	5/15/2013 7:26 AM
89	I think the medical decisions for judicious use of compounded medications are best left to veterinarians without regulation from a government agency. As a practitioner, I understand the limitations compounded drugs have compared to non-compounded drugs/formulations. Because of this, I choose to use compounded medications for clients occasionally, when there is no other choice. Non-veterinarians in the government that are proposing this legislation may not realize that virtually all zoo species will be left without any treatment for various diseases, because there is no labelled product to use, this allowing large scale disease and suffering. Animal shelters will be unable to effectively or have funds to treat the suffering and sick animals in their care, leading to many more euthanasias than is necessary This is a huge step backwards.	5/15/2013 7:16 AM
90	Humans come in small, medium, and large. They all have the same physiology and can use the same drugs in just a few strengths. But in vet med that is not at all true. You can't dose down a human drug for a canary. And you can't feed an elephant 750 tablets three times a day. We need to be able to compound drugs to meet a HUGE variety of patients.	5/15/2013 12:05 AM
91	Many of these federal officials decisions and regulations are likely to result in a marked decrease in available medications for animals in that many of the compounded medications are former human medications which were legal for a veterinarian to prescribe or administer when they were being made, but they are no longer produced on the human side.	5/14/2013 11:47 PM
92	As an educated person, I feel that I shouldn't have to explain why a compounded medication would work better. What a waste of my time.	5/14/2013 11:24 PM

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93	I really don't believe the federal officials should have so much say in veterinary practice as they don't have the same degree of education as the veterinarian, who should be the one making decisions for the patients.	5/14/2013 11:16 PM
94	The pharmacy that compounded the corticosteroid that caused fungal meningitis clearly had other issues with sterility & procedures. That's where the regulation needs to be. A local pharmacy here made a 1000x error on compounded HW preventative (ie MG vs MCG), so training & qualifications are critical. Making meds unavailable to compound [for primarily small pets] is absolutely unacceptable to my level of patient care.	5/14/2013 10:56 PM
95	"a federal official" - are you kidding me. I've been in practice for over 25 years, how is the federal government going to find someone willing to work for them who knows anywhere near what I know about cat diseases and what medications they need...and also know about birds, and horses, and dogs, and.....are they (delete the expletive) kidding me!	5/14/2013 10:28 PM
96	Are these officials gonna start telling me how to practice veterinary medicine next! Are they also going to be there or public ally explain to our clients why they feel the need to make medical decisions for us? Do they do this in the human field, or are our mds just better equipped to understand when they are actually using compounded meds?	5/14/2013 10:19 PM
97	With the constant shortages and unreasonable wildly increased prices of many common drugs; sometimes compounding is the only way to access those drugs.	5/14/2013 10:09 PM
98	There's nothing that would be more damaging to our patients health and our ability to care for them.	5/14/2013 9:50 PM
99	Other than big pharma, who/what is driving this crazy restrictions? Drugs are often not manufactured in the right sizes or the right method of administration to allow us to treat animals of a wide range of sizes and types. How many meds are commercially made in tuna-flavored liquid?	5/14/2013 9:09 PM
100	The federal government does not have the knowledge of the drugs (unless they have been a practicing veterinarian in the field) nor the negative impact on owner/parent stress of not being able to treat their pet and literally that many pets will not get the proper dose or will endure terrible stress or die without the option of compounded medications. Yes there needs to be quality control regulations and repercussions for those that do not abide by regulations that make their product safe.... ie the meningitis outbreak... horrible and sad and should have never happened...but to harm countless animals because of a company cutting corners and not caring about anything but their product should not out weigh the good that compounding does	5/14/2013 8:33 PM
101	I'd say about 80% of my cat patients need compounded medications because either the available sizes are too high a dose or because of the difficulty in administering the medication. Half my prescriptions would say "Because owner can't administer tablets" or some such and the other half would say "Because you can't cut a pill into 12 pieces to accurately administer the dose required!	5/14/2013 8:13 PM
102	I work in emergency medicine and the prescriptions I use need to be started before the local compounding pharmacy would be able to supply it to the owner directly.	5/14/2013 8:11 PM
103	Talk about governmental controls-this legislation will be a nightmare for the Vets, and the animals, as it limits what can be dosed and you would have to be explaining why for every drug you prescribed, on a daily basis!!	5/14/2013 8:10 PM
104	Keeping compounded medications allow us to start treatment(s) immediately rather than waiting for the drug to be filled then dispensed	5/14/2013 7:56 PM
105	Many of our patients, especially cats, require medications in dosages that are not readily obtainable and may be inaccurate, or in forms that the cats WILL NOT take, thus putting the patient care in jeopardy.	5/14/2013 7:52 PM
106	If we can't dose properly or the owner can't get the medicine in it will have a major negative impact on my patients	5/14/2013 7:30 PM
107	Compounding is a daily necessity in feline medicine. Without compounded medication many of my patients would live shorter lives with more suffering.	5/14/2013 6:59 PM
108	Federal officials don't have a doctor-patient relationship with our pets. They do not know our clients and their physical capabilities-if they have disabilities, etcthat prevent them from giving or struggling to give their pet a medication. If we were to be restricted in using compounding medications, this would adversely affect business and limit how we can benefit our patients and speed up their recovery.	5/14/2013 6:35 PM

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109	Please allow licensed veterinarians to treat their patients. Do not allow a government official to decide what is best for all with out any relationship to the patients being treated. We see the patients and are responsible for the patient outcomes. These regulations will have a great negative impact on veterinary medicine for many patients.	5/14/2013 6:34 PM
110	As we are veterinary professionals and are educated and trained in our field of expertise, and the "federal officials" are not, the "federal officials" do not need to dictate how we practice!	5/14/2013 6:08 PM
111	As long as the compounding pharmacists aren't inventing "new" drugs to circumvent the FDA approval process, there should be no problem here. If veterinarians can't stock compounded (read "incredibly less expensive") versions of already approved human drugs such as buprenex, prices for pet owners will be ridiculously high. You really can't ask a cat owner to pay \$75 for five days of oral pain control after having their cat spayed or wait four days for the \$30 medication to arrive. Unless there is a real health/safety issue with these compounded drugs...please leave it alone.	5/14/2013 6:07 PM
112	Making it more difficult for veterinarians to prescribe adequate medications for their patients is a huge disservice to the community.	5/14/2013 4:42 PM
113	I was in school for 8 years to make these decisions.	5/14/2013 4:22 PM
114	Depends where the bulk material is from; and what the quality is.	5/14/2013 4:07 PM
115	keep out of my business unless you are trained and licensed the same and are a partner in the business instead of a parasite that does not know what is happening in the real world	5/14/2013 4:07 PM
116	Ading more burocracy to compounded drugs will hurt verterinary medicine and my ability to care for my patients.	5/14/2013 4:01 PM
117	This legislation is not only unnecessary, it adds a severe burden to veterinary practitioners. Most of us are small businesses, or solo practitioners and are already struggling under undue federal governmental bureaucracy. Do not add more unnecessary burdens to our profession.	5/14/2013 4:00 PM
118	Restrictions on compounded medications will effectively eliminate me from treating 70-80% of my patients. I see a large number of older canines, felines and exotic animals in my practice. Many of them can only take compounded medications for their illnesses. If this legislation is enacted in the form that it has been presented to me, it will severely curtail my ability to effectively help my patients and will essentially be assigning a death sentence to many of them. I strongly oppose these measures from all standpoints. Quite frankly, compounded medications have allowed me to help many more patients than I would be able to if I was limited to formulated, proprietary medications.	5/14/2013 3:46 PM
119	patient specific rxs would be inconvenient but no at large neg impact. not having access to medicines compounded appropriately for our variety of patients would have a huge negative impact. Most pharmaceutical companies will not see the value in providing forms and doses that we need. Their profit is directed toward the human rx needs which aren't nec. the same. I find it unslulting that I have to justify a compounding choice. These are not schedule ii drugs.	5/14/2013 3:40 PM
120	As the veterinarian that is treating the patient, we feel it is best for us to be able to make the decision on what medication the pet needs to be prescribed, not a person so remotely removed from the situation.	5/14/2013 3:34 PM
121	Dogs and cats are not people. They come is so many different shapes & sizes, it's impossible to do our job without the use of compounded medications.	5/14/2013 3:30 PM
122	Feel like the large drug companies are fueling this fire! Compounded medications are very important to my practice, the impact would be for all of us with higher prices on our pet's medication and probably ours as well.	5/14/2013 3:28 PM
123	Government should not interfere.	5/14/2013 3:28 PM
124	I think between professional pharmacists and professional veterinarians, we can figure it out without the regulatory input from bureaucrats.	5/14/2013 3:24 PM

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125	Please ask all members of Congress and their families as well as representatives of the FDA and their families how easy they have found it to medicate their cats, ferrets, rats, guinea pigs and rabbits with pills. Do they care at all about our clients who own these species and depend on us for practical solutions to medication problems for their pets. I estimate that about 80% of our practice's patient population would experience significant morbidity and possibly mortality without access to compounded medications.	5/14/2013 3:08 PM
126	With drug shortages and differences in dosing from humans (if a veterinary drug is not available) not having access to compounded medications would be harmful to patients and practice. Also, being able to offer delivery options to ensure medicating (especially in cats) has been a life saver in many instances. The prescription drug rules are hard enough on practicing veterinarians, many regulations taking up unnecessary time and resources (which ultimately has a negative impact on patient care and finances)	5/14/2013 3:00 PM
127	It is always dangerous for someone (a federal official) to make or change laws when they do not work in the field being affected. In the same way, it is dangerous for insurance companies to refuse to pay for a test or procedure that a doctor considers necessary. It is a very fine line between doing their job and practicing medicine without a license.	5/14/2013 2:56 PM
128	If they take this away from us, then they need to force big pharma to come up with the right size, type, and form of medications we need. We KNOW who's behind this -- Pfizer, Merck, Elanco trying to force us to use their medications.	5/14/2013 2:53 PM
129	We don't know a head of time what small critters may come through our door and require meds, being patient specific will really cramp what our doctors can do.	5/14/2013 2:53 PM
130	This is an example of an over-reaching, burdensome federal government.	5/14/2013 2:51 PM
131	Veterinarians spend the time in school and practicing to be able to properly help their patients; federal officials do not have the schooling to know what medications are appropriate. We are here to help animals, not harm them but denying them needed medication or making them wait for it can jeopardize their health.	5/14/2013 2:49 PM
132	Will our gov get out of our lives I thought we are/were a free Nation .I hate people much less Intelligent than me telling me the Wrong thing to do .	5/14/2013 2:48 PM
133	The FDA needs to differentiate food animals from companion animals. Companion animals may need a wide range of compounded drugs for treatment. Treatment with drugs that are difficult to dose or not readily acceptable to the patient may result in adverse outcomes due to improper dosing or inability to administer the correct dose. Compounding eliminates many of these obstacles to patient treatment.	5/14/2013 2:47 PM
134	Each patient is different. Size, metabolism, and activity which all are going to affect your dosing needed and varies by the ingredients/medications. If you limit this you will be taking away all options for veterinary medications. Human med has first access to medications and we get the left overs so we came up with the solution of making our own and have followed all the rules that have been created over the years. Add on the problem of competing with the online pet pharmacies it means compounding is one of the last ways the vets have to keep their clinic compete-able with the online big names.	5/14/2013 2:44 PM
135	All of the above would have a negative impact on how or what we prescribe for our patients. If a patient is small and the medication that is needed for the health of the pet is not capable of being dosed down to the correct dose, the pet may get too much or too little and neither of those are an option. You have some pets that are not easy to administer medication to. If a pet is hard to medicate, the client won't medicate and that compromises the pet's health. I think we should have the option to compound the medication for the health benefit of the patient.	5/14/2013 2:40 PM
136	It is hard enough practicing veterinary medicine as it is. Why does the government want to make it even harder?	5/14/2013 2:38 PM
137	We often use compounding pharmacies because we can't get the medication as a manufactured drug - or in the quantity that we need! From these comments, it implies that they are taking the diagnosing and prescribing out of the hands of the trained veterinarian with a solid vet-client-patient relationship - NOT a good idea. Will the federal officials make decisions on exotic animals as well? Will all this regulation drive up costs of already expensive medication?	5/14/2013 2:36 PM
138	If I were not able to compound certain medications I would have patients that went untreated because no other alternative was available	5/14/2013 2:35 PM

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139	due to the size and sensitivity of our patients, compounding is a necessity. A 4 pound sick cat doesn't take the same dose as a larger animal, and most medications can't be cut effectively (I have tried to get a 16th of a tablet to properly dose a cat before). And for many animals, cats especially, being able to tailor the dose and adding flavor is critical for the owner to be able to medicate the pet. I have had owners that couldn't pill their hyperthyroid cat, but the cat would beg for the triple-fish flavored compounded medication. Our practice is not one-size-fits-all, and our medications shouldn't be either.	5/14/2013 2:34 PM
140	Again, without compounding, some of our patients would be virtually impossible to treat with needed medications.	5/14/2013 2:31 PM
141	The use of compounded medication is beneficial to the treatment of many patients. Limiting access to these preparations will hinder successful recovery and possibly prevent recovery completely.	5/14/2013 2:29 PM
142	Many of our patients require dosages that are unobtainable without compounding.	5/14/2013 2:28 PM
143	For whatever reason, so many drugs on on indefinite manufacturers backorder. Compounded drugs close that gap. The government needs to step away from this industry.	5/14/2013 2:28 PM
144	This does more than give the power to a federal official. It gives the power to the lobbyists for the big drug manufacturers.	5/14/2013 2:28 PM
145	I assume that the 6th point mentioned here would have a significant financial effect on the cost of compounded medications.	5/14/2013 2:25 PM
146	Every single one of these proposals would make life more difficult for vets, their patients and clients. Whomever wrote this clearly doesn't understand how the majority of veterinary practices run their operation or their pharmacy dispensing.	5/14/2013 2:24 PM
147	Unless the individuals "on the Hill" are routinely medicating dogs, cats, birds, etc., they really need to reexamine their motives for introducing legislation that makes a difficult profession MORE DIFFICULT to treat it's patients.	5/14/2013 2:19 PM
148	Until the governmental officials who want to regulate this go to veterinary school & obtain their DVM degrees, they have no business telling me how to practice medicine, and what is best for my patients. Yet another form of government burocracy at its worst!	5/14/2013 2:17 PM
149	I do not believe the federal government should be regulating my ability to prescribe medications for my veterinary patients. Instead, they should be allowing us more FDA approved medications to improve our scope of practice, instead of limiting it further.	5/14/2013 2:16 PM
150	Regulate the quality of production/certification but do not penalize the millions of animals that depend on compounded medication for their care. If pharmaceutical companies would address our needs then we wouldn't need compounding..until that happens we need the alternatives fo the segment of veterinary practice that large drug companies refuse to serve	5/14/2013 2:12 PM
151	Veterinarians treat animal species that range from less than a pound to thousands of pounds. In addition, each species metabolizes medications differently from each other and differently from humans. The inability to compound drugs into usable forms for different species and different patients would have an incredible impact on our ability to properly treat our patients. The patients and clients will ultimately suffer the greatest, as easily treatable diseases may become fatal, due the inability to obtain a proper drug concentration or form of drug that the patient will accept.	5/14/2013 2:10 PM
152	The changes proposed would significantly negatively impact our profession. It would lower the standard of care and increases cost of care likely to a significant degree.	5/14/2013 2:10 PM
153	As stated earlier, there are drug backorders ALL the time now in our field. Without access to in house stock, WE CANNOT TREAT ANIMALS!!! A cat that cannot take oral meds need transdermal methimazole. A cat in pain needs liquid gabapentin, because the capsules are too strong. A specific dog that has vomiting and diarrhea CAN'T wait 3 days for the patient specific metronidazole to be shipped. WHY OH why would you want to initiate these rules? We need access to medicines, many times that the pharmacies either don't have in small enough sizes, or that they don't have time to compound for us. Please leave us the ability to order and use these meds- we don't want Class IV drugs- but items like metronidazole, and gabapentin, and amlodipine, are basics.	5/14/2013 2:09 PM
154	It would greatly affect my practice if we were put under such restrictions for compounded medications. How can federal officials dictate the use and regulastion of compounded drugs if they do not have a DVM behind their name. Not all medications work for every case and we strive to find those medications thta do work to help our paitents, that includes getting medications from compounding pharmacies.	5/14/2013 2:06 PM

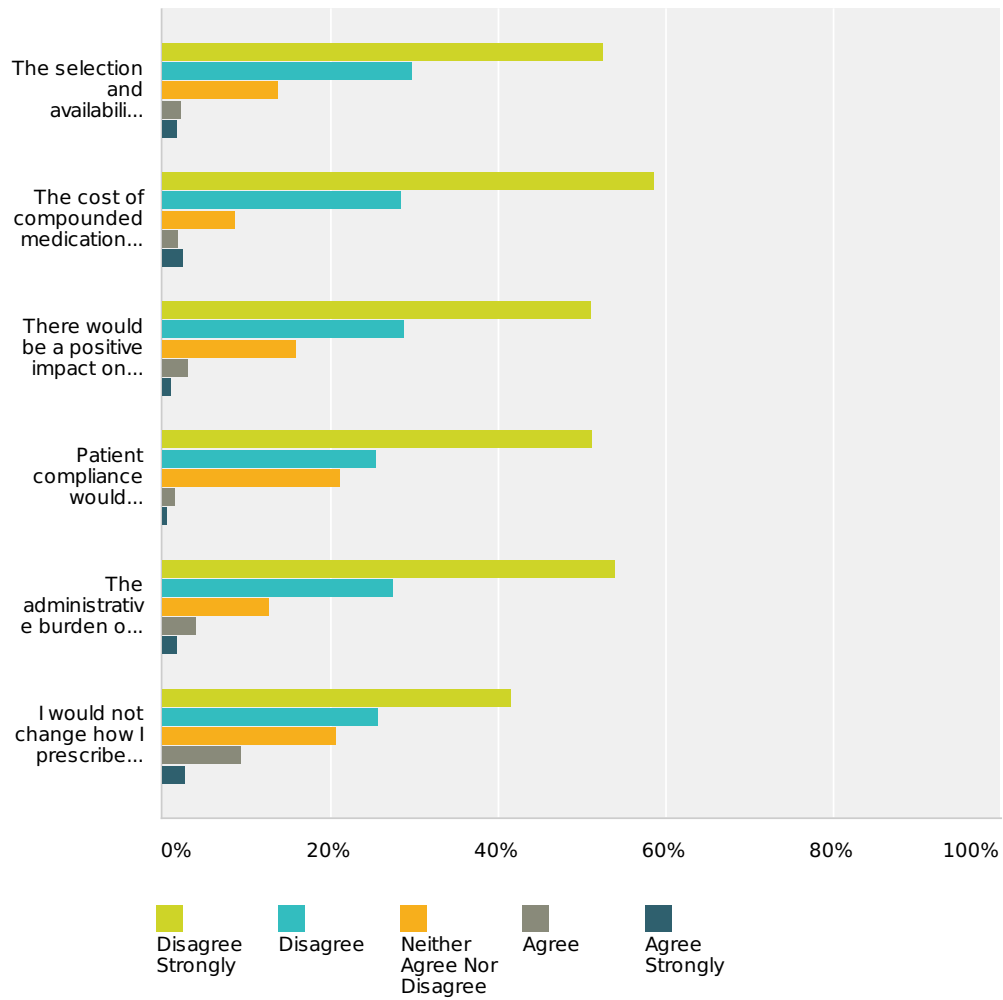
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155	I believe there are a few meds that need compounding for office use... Metronidazole for cats and small dogs and methimazole to a liquid formation for cats and SR buprenex are the three that come to mind. I continue to get different interpretations of the law, so I choose not to carry for the office as I won't lie and say they are for 1 patient which most compounding pharmacies ask. Whatever happens, I hope it at least clarifies the rules!!	5/14/2013 2:05 PM
156	some cats refuse oral meds! its compounded topical hyperthyroid meds or death. If Zoetis wants to come out with a topical methimazole, great, but until then restricting my access is going to kill my patients.	5/14/2013 1:59 PM
157	I need to be able to prescribe the medicine that I feel is best for my patients, in the form that best suits my patients and their owners.	5/14/2013 1:54 PM
158	The typical turnaround time for a compounded preparation to be received in the clinic is 2-4 days. This is too long for many patients to wait, given their clinical conditions. Patient care will likely suffer due to lack of followup by pet owners (ie, returning to pick up meds or have meds applied).	5/14/2013 1:54 PM
159	Some medications are only available as bulk active ingredients	5/14/2013 1:52 PM
160	Yada yada	5/14/2013 1:24 PM

Q12 Today, compounding pharmacies are regulated by the individual states, with FDA oversight focused on how chemicals are stored and used. If the FDA were to have significantly greater authority over compounding pharmacies, what do you think would be the impact? Indicate the degree to which you agree or disagree with each of these statements.

Answered: 938 Skipped: 90

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	Disagree Strongly	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	Agree Strongly	Total
The selection and availability of compounded preparations would increase.	52.56% 493	29.74% 279	13.75% 129	2.24% 21	1.71% 16	938
The cost of compounded medications would decrease.	58.64% 550	28.46% 267	8.64% 81	1.81% 17	2.45% 23	938

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There would be a positive impact on animals in my practice.	51.18% 479	28.85% 270	15.92% 149	3.10% 29	0.96% 9	936
Patient compliance would increase.	51.23% 478	25.51% 238	21.22% 198	1.50% 14	0.54% 5	933
The administrative burden on me and my staff would not change.	54.05% 507	27.51% 258	12.69% 119	4.05% 38	1.71% 16	938
I would not change how I prescribe compounded medications.	41.57% 387	25.67% 239	20.73% 193	9.34% 87	2.69% 25	931

Please feel free to say more about your responses. (89)

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1	I will follow the rules and regulations whether I agree or disagree, but the more regulations out there, the harder it is to get the best patient care, affordable medicine and owner compliance.	5/22/2013 5:54 PM
2	While I understand and agree that maybe more oversight is warranted, I feel like this would scare compounding pharmacies into not making as many drugs, or make it financially difficult for them. So I'm not sure how I feel without knowing exactly what "significantly greater authority" means.	5/20/2013 3:02 PM
3	Compounded drugs need to be carefully made, there is no question, but as for the content of these drugs and their use, please make it as easy an inexpensive as possible for me. This will save lives.	5/20/2013 12:26 PM
4	I don't have a good feel for what the FDA might want to regulate in regard to compounding pharmacies so I cannot say what type of impact it might have.	5/19/2013 12:29 PM
5	The costs for oversight would need to be very minimal or I fear pricing medications for pets out of the market. We are struggling as a profession in this economy to gain client compliance. Cost and convenience are key to treatments for many pets.	5/18/2013 11:18 AM
6	Because pharmaceutical companies choose to manufacture drugs based on profit, some veterinary drugs are discontinued or become cost prohibitive for clients to purchase. This not only restricts the quality of medicine I can provide but also restricts the care an owner can provide for their beloved pet.	5/18/2013 7:26 AM
7	I will always strive to provide the best care possible for my patients, unfortunately our government thinks they can do that better from their desks than those of us interacting directly with our clients and patients.	5/18/2013 12:32 AM
8	I'm not clear on this. As long as FDA is ensuring quality without implementing restrictions, I am for this.	5/18/2013 12:03 AM
9	Although I don't mind having quality control to make sure that harmful ingredients are not used and that proper compounding techniques are utilized, I think this would be more of a headache than a benefit.	5/17/2013 11:53 PM
10	I would not change the way I prescribe compounded medications, unless the medications were no longer available in compounded form.	5/17/2013 9:27 AM
11	I'm really not sure what affect this change would have.	5/17/2013 8:36 AM
12	You know there would be more hassles.	5/16/2013 11:09 PM

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13	Additional regulations and bureaucratic red tape will increase cost of medications, increase paper work and thus my overhead costs negatively affecting my clients by increasing costs for the pet owner. This will decrease owner compliance by causing more pet owners to decline treatment. I have a select few reputable pharmacies that I rely on for my compounding needs. These pharmacies will also be negatively impacted by more red tape and may not be available to compound drugs in the future if they decide the hassle and expense is no longer worth continuing to provide compounding services.	5/16/2013 8:02 PM
14	The FDA does not have the knowledge base or data to access these needs, and I fear they would impose regulations that would be overly prohibitive and add additional administration to the process	5/16/2013 5:31 PM
15	how and what I would prescribe would be determined by this future unknown legislation, so I cannot predict how it would change my prescribing until I know the details of the legislation proposed	5/16/2013 5:20 PM
16	Would depend on what the authority entails.	5/16/2013 5:10 PM
17	Adding these "extra steps" is more time and costs more.	5/16/2013 5:06 PM
18	I would probably use fewer compounded medications if my paperwork burden exceeded the cost and compliance benefits to my clients.	5/16/2013 4:54 PM
19	Only a licensed veterinarian should have the final word in how to treat his/her patients. Tell the inept government to stick with what they are best at ie lying, cheating and stealing!	5/16/2013 4:09 PM
20	As said before, I see a lot of exotic patients (reptiles, rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, birds, etc) as well as plenty of small dogs and cats that are forced to take compounded products to be in a safe and effective dose range. Or won't take pills and must have liquids or transdermals available because unlike people, they don't always know what's best for them. The FDA doesn't seem to understand all of these nuances fully.	5/16/2013 3:40 PM
21	This would be a huge burden on the industry causing prices to increase due to the added administrative burden and constraints. The cost will be passed onto consumers who already complain about the cost of veterinary medicine.	5/16/2013 2:48 PM
22	At 4:00 (quitting time at the government office) my case would have to wait patiently for who knows what. Please tell the government for me to "get a life - and leave me alone !	5/16/2013 2:46 PM
23	That depend on the Feds ability to regulate the industry effectively without impeding its ability to provide the needed availability of medications.	5/16/2013 2:30 PM
24	I do not know how more FDA oversight would affect my business, I can only assume it would be negative but I have no information on which to base this decision	5/16/2013 2:08 PM
25	Have no opinion here.	5/16/2013 1:55 PM
26	this would put an undue burden on already overburden small businesses, which most veterinary practices are... It will, as a result, increase the cost to the pet owner.... both are negatives in a big way	5/16/2013 12:47 PM
27	Compounding pharmacies can still make mistakes regardless of whether the US Government oversees things. I think that less government in our affairs is always better. I still have to do my job to protect the welfare of the animal and therefore the public.	5/16/2013 11:07 AM
28	The more involved the FDA is, the worse it is for all of us	5/16/2013 10:53 AM
29	You miss the point of this whole situation. The basic reason for the original Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act was to try and ensure that what was in a container of medication was actually what it claimed to be. Compounding pharmacies and especially compounding manufacturers have skirted around this for years and it is time that comes to a halt.	5/16/2013 10:51 AM

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30	Again, Compounding is that the problem- it would decrease dramatically if the the issues with the drug companies would be dealt with. I have no idea how the FDA would actually impact compounded drugs in our practice- I can only assume more legislation, more red tape, more costs. We are going to do the best we can to comply with laws surrounding compounded medications- ultimately we will choose what we need to do to take care of our patients in an ethical, humane and responsible manner.	5/16/2013 10:42 AM
31	I personally am not educated on how FDA authority vs state authority would change things. However in general, I do not find federal control to typically benefit anyone.	5/16/2013 10:14 AM
32	TOO MUCH GOVERNMENT!!!!	5/16/2013 9:51 AM
33	Financial impact on clients would be enormous. Effective medications would be hugely limited.	5/16/2013 9:43 AM
34	If the government is concerned with making more affordable drugs available for the population they should be targeting large corporation drug manufacturers, not pharmacies or private practitioners. It is hard enough to have prescriptions filled for patients with existing laws, we don't need it to be harder.	5/16/2013 9:00 AM
35	if I cannot use compounded medication- I would not be adequately able to treat my patients	5/16/2013 12:39 AM
36	Federal intervention/regulation will possibly increase the compliance of smaller companies for safety, but the cost will probably increase and the number of compounding companies will decrease.	5/16/2013 12:29 AM
37	It has been my experience when the federal government takes over for our state governments it equals more expense and more headache for us as veterinarians.	5/15/2013 9:36 PM
38	The more federal government involvement, the worse the outcome.	5/15/2013 9:18 PM
39	If the FDA allowed compounded meds to be dispensed from the clinic and that overrides the current state law there would be a positive impact on animals and patient compliance would increase	5/15/2013 5:22 PM
40	Last thing anyone needs is to have some government bureaucrat telling me AS A DOCTOR, how I should use medication for my patients. Many of my patients are very small and most manufactured medications are in forms that are too large. So I need to have a lot of medications compounded to a form that is reasonable to administer.	5/15/2013 4:54 PM
41	Bigger government and more regulation is not necessarily the solution. Bigger government and bigger bureaucracy allows for more corruption and inefficiency.	5/15/2013 4:16 PM
42	Again, additional legislation is not needed.	5/15/2013 2:45 PM
43	I equate national oversight with better conformity in product availability, quantity, and price, which I believe it beneficial to patients and their prescribers overall.	5/15/2013 1:29 PM
44	I think anytime the government gets involved further, costs go up and convenience goes down. I think the FDA needs to concentrate on what they should have been doing better. In previous injurious situations, the compounding pharmacies involved had decided to start manufacturing on a large scale and the FDA did not detect/address it, if I understand correctly. I think they need to accomplish the job they are supposed to be doing before they take on other jobs. There are bad compounders/situations, just as there are bad manufacturers/situations and doctors that make poor decisions based only on money issues.	5/15/2013 12:11 PM
45	If I understand these statements correctly, any additional oversight/authority/regulations only complicates the prescription process of using compounded medications.	5/15/2013 11:01 AM
46	Again tough to gauge unless I know final bill by FDA.....	5/15/2013 10:40 AM
47	I will comply with any new federal regulations.I would strongly hope the Center for Veterinary Medicine would be guiding the process.	5/15/2013 7:31 AM
48	These are kind of a no-brainer...	5/15/2013 7:27 AM

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49	Again, leave the medical decisions and judicious use of compounded medications to the discretion of trained, ethical veterinary professionals.	5/15/2013 7:18 AM
50	It all depends what they o with their authority	5/15/2013 12:07 AM
51	Don't fix what is not broken!!	5/14/2013 11:48 PM
52	I really don't know how this would affect me.	5/14/2013 11:42 PM
53	Whether it's the peanut butter plant filled w/ mold & Salmonella in NM or the pharmacy in New England that contaminated the corticosteroids, those are areas that need to be regulated for safety, sterility, product storage & handling, etc.	5/14/2013 10:58 PM
54	What we need to learn about recent tragic events with compounded medications is that we need to regulate the conditions under which compounded medications are prepared. Regulating which drugs, or which species, or how much compounded medication can be dispensed won't change the safety issue. This is clearly a quality control issue.	5/14/2013 10:31 PM
55	We took an oath. Politicians couldn't care less about that.	5/14/2013 9:52 PM
56	I cannot predict how individuals in the government will vote or change things...unfortunately there is not usually as simple bill or change that does not have a negative impact somewhere. I do not think prices should increase although there is always inflation...but there is a large variance in prices...but ease and correct dosage out-weighs that for many. However, as someone whose job is to do no harm and to help...I do not want someone who may have othe motives or a limited understanding of pharmaceuticals to be the judge of what is best for my patients. I do think that there should be quality control measures that are strictly followed so that nothing happens again like the deaths that occurred with the meningitis outbreak..or any illness for that matter. We cannot control an individuals reaction to a specific medication, compounded or not, but we must notate that...and in history how many times has a main-stream pharmaceutical company had major recalls? All the time!	5/14/2013 8:39 PM
57	The FDA needs to stay OUT of the compounding pharmacies unless they are not meeting Inspection standards.	5/14/2013 8:11 PM
58	The reason we have to use compounding pharmacies IS because the FDA decided certain drugs weren't beneficial to humans anymore- penicillin ampicillin tablets to name a few. Just like when Torbutrol used to be reasonably priced until the government caused the price to increase dramatically.	5/14/2013 6:43 PM
59	Having more government regulations would in no way improve the quality of care and would significantly increase the costs.	5/14/2013 6:37 PM
60	No doubt about it, this would have a very negative impact for all concerned.	5/14/2013 6:12 PM
61	I do not think the FDA should have ANY greater authority over compounding pharmacies.	5/14/2013 6:09 PM
62	I don't know if by saying the FDA would have oversight that it would be better or worse. I would think that if there are standards that are maintained across the country that those standards might be more fair, but the standards should be science based, written by pharmacists, not by legislators or non-pharmacist lobbyists.	5/14/2013 5:12 PM
63	I understand the need for compounding pharmacies to be held accountable for quality and safety. Having worked for the USDA I seriously doubt the ability of the FDA to regulate this industry in a safe and effective way. I'm not sure how their oversight would affect somethings but I am sure there would be significantly more paperwork and significantly more delay in obtaining compounded medications.	5/14/2013 5:04 PM
64	Never seen anything the feds got into that didn't cost twice as much and 10 times the paper work. Why not just tie this to Obamacare.	5/14/2013 4:52 PM
65	government involved= less good happening for anyone	5/14/2013 4:08 PM
66	More cost would be associated with compounded drugs and my patients will suffer.	5/14/2013 4:02 PM
67	I'm okay with FDA oversight, as long as there are practicing veterinarians and compounding pharmacists represented in the oversight	5/14/2013 3:53 PM

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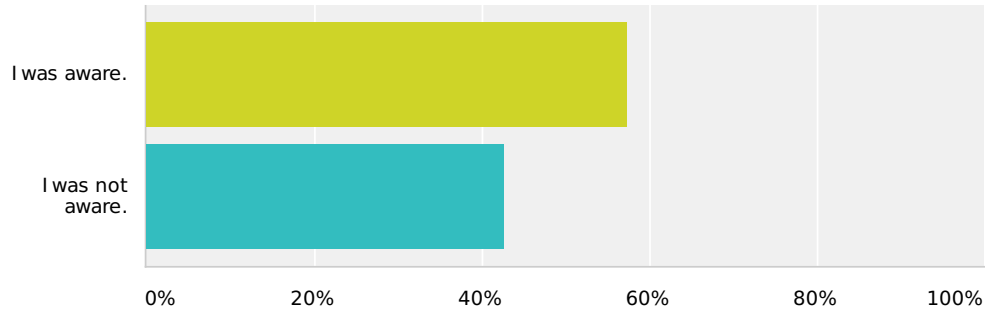
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68	Further regulation of compounding pharmacies, in my view, is not necessary. They already adhere to specific regulations and having further oversight is redundant and only will impede our ability to effectively treat our patients using safe and effective compounded medications.	5/14/2013 3:48 PM
69	More regulatory burden would only increase costs and errors.	5/14/2013 3:30 PM
70	cost is a BIG issue, this would increase our cost, and then increase the cost for everyone	5/14/2013 3:29 PM
71	Federal regulation very rarely improves on service and certainly doesn't bring down cost. FDA approval would obviously decrease availability or they wouldn't be regulating!	5/14/2013 3:26 PM
72	I do not know how FDA oversight would effect me and my patients.	5/14/2013 3:15 PM
73	If the Federal Government is concerned enough about its budget to allow the "sequester" to become effective, why are they so busy figuring out more ways to extend the regulatory authority of the FDA, which not only would be a burden to veterinary practices, but surely would be subsidized by the taxpayer as well? Also a lot of what I hear from Congress is how they are so supportive of business large and small. This proposed legislation will place a heavy financial and logistic burden on veterinary practices which are often marginally profitable small businesses employing 3-20 people. So is Congress really business-friendly but just to Big Pharma and the rest is just lip-service and grandstanding? I am a veterinarian in a small feline practice and I vote. I also talk to other voters--a lot.	5/14/2013 3:13 PM
74	Not sure how it would impact things, but I am concerned. Don't want to assume the worst without knowing...	5/14/2013 3:03 PM
75	It seems that when the FDA is involved, if they don't think it's important, it takes forever (if at all) to get anything approved or done. It's one more huge hurdle of governmental bureaucracy for veterinarians to jump through and get tangled up in.	5/14/2013 3:02 PM
76	The only option left to us would be to try to cut doses of commercially prepared drugs and mix them up here at our hospital which would be very time consuming and expensive.	5/14/2013 2:57 PM
77	More government is never the answer.	5/14/2013 2:51 PM
78	All the above questions depend on what the impact FDA would have over the medications the compounding pharmacies would have access to.	5/14/2013 2:44 PM
79	The ability to make preparations that are palatable is very important. To be able to get the medication into the animal is first and foremost. I have NO staff, it is just me. To keep up with the record keeping would be a nightmare.	5/14/2013 2:39 PM
80	The impact remains to be seen on how compliant patients are and how the veterinarians could or couldn't prescribe. There is a speculation in many of these questions so overall difficult to answer.	5/14/2013 2:39 PM
81	The problem with bureaucratic oversight is that 99% of those involved are uneducated in what is being regulated. I have a hard enough time with pharmacies filling in compounded meds for my patients because they don't know what it's for or what we are treating and question my RX.	5/14/2013 2:37 PM
82	FDA regulation would make life very difficult. I may not change how I prescribe because if it's my only option but I am certain costs would increase which would then be passed on to the pet owner.	5/14/2013 2:25 PM
83	My patients will be the ones who suffer, if I am forced to discontinue using certain compounded drugs for them because I am overburdened by unnecessary extra regulations.	5/14/2013 2:20 PM
84	It is obvious that federal oversight into compounding pharmacies would increase administrative burden for everyone, increase prices for medication, decrease client compliance due to increased medication cost, and ultimately reduce our ability to practice quality medicine.	5/14/2013 2:19 PM
85	I highly disagree with the FDA having greater authority over compounding pharmacies.	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
86	Taking away or hugely reducing the availability of compounded products will ruin treating cats, and send us back to the dark ages in feline medicine. Please don't cripple us.	5/14/2013 2:12 PM

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87	many pet owners can't pill their pets. Compounded medications are a matter of life and death.	5/14/2013 2:12 PM
88	I'm sure that the whole process would be more cumbersome.	5/14/2013 1:55 PM
89	Yada yada	5/14/2013 1:24 PM

Q13 Before you learned about this survey of veterinary practices, were you aware that a Senate Committee had released a legislative proposal regarding regulating compounding pharmacy?

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Answer Choices	Responses	
I was aware.	57.39%	536
I was not aware.	42.61%	398
Total		934

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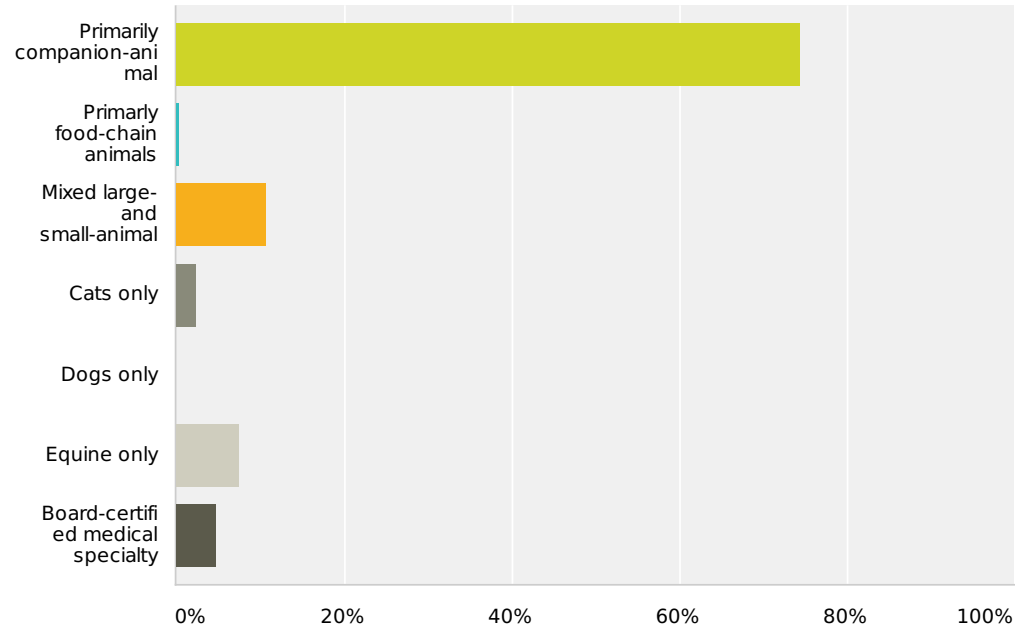
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1	I had an idea but not sure exactly what was proposed	5/17/2013 9:20 AM
2	I heard this might happen at the FVMA conference.	5/17/2013 12:06 AM
3	I had heard about it but not totally aware what it was about	5/16/2013 11:40 PM
4	was not aware of the details	5/16/2013 9:07 AM
5	I will be attending a CE meeting regarding the proposal.	5/16/2013 8:59 AM
6	Only because my compounding paharmacy made me aware and it became a burden to my clients and myself to change how meds were ordered.	5/15/2013 5:49 PM
7	Articles in AVMA	5/15/2013 10:42 AM
8	by internet	5/14/2013 7:58 PM

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9	just found out	5/14/2013 3:34 PM
10	I had heard some time ago but didn't know the time frame to enact it.	5/14/2013 2:59 PM
11	I knew it was an issue before congress, but not its status	5/14/2013 2:00 PM
12	Yada yada	5/14/2013 1:24 PM

Q14 Which of these most accurately describes the nature of your practice?

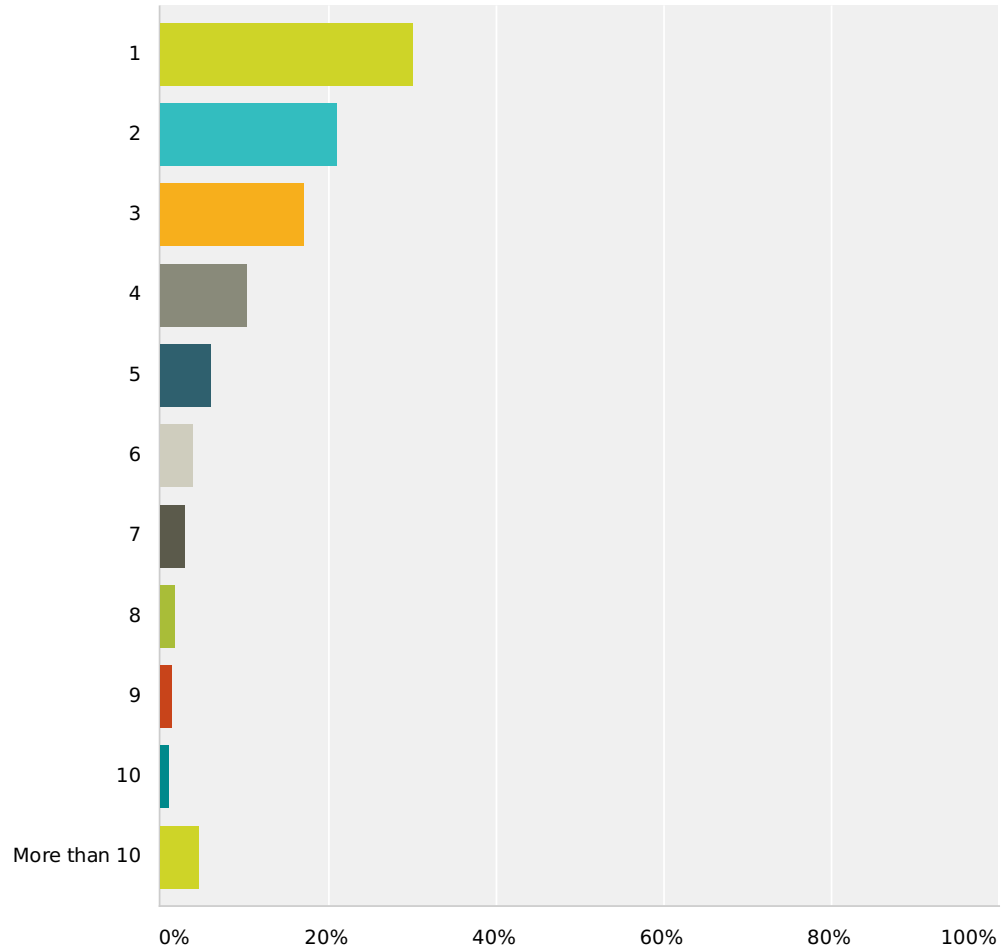
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Answer Choices	Responses
Primarily companion-animal	74.47% 697
Primarily food-chain animals	0.32% 3
Mixed large- and small-animal	10.68% 100
Cats only	2.35% 22
Dogs only	0% 0
Equine only	7.48% 70
Board-certified medical specialty	4.70% 44
Total	936

Q15 How many veterinarians work full or part-time in your practice?

Answered: 934 Skipped: 94



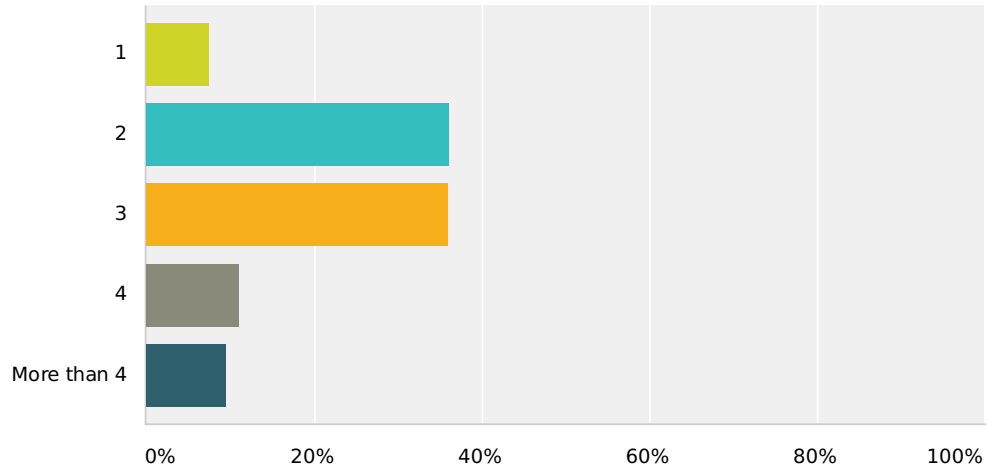
Answer Choices	Responses	
1	30.09%	281
2	21.09%	197
3	17.13%	160
4	10.28%	96
Total		934

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5	6.00%	56
6	3.85%	36
7	2.89%	27
8	1.71%	16
9	1.39%	13
10	0.96%	9
More than 10	4.60%	43
Total		934

Q16 With how many compounding pharmacies does your practice do business?

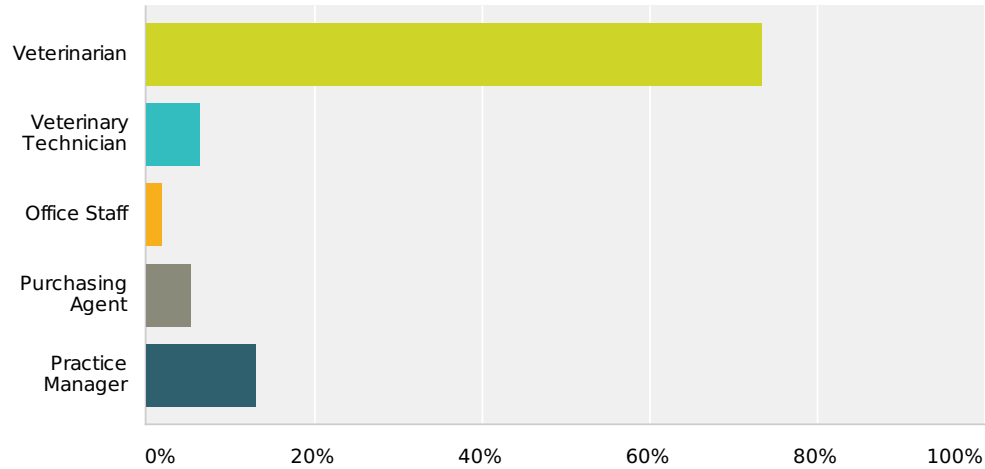
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Answer Choices	Responses
1	7.51% 70
2	36.05% 336
3	35.94% 335
4	11.05% 103
More than 4	9.44% 88
Total	932

Q17 What is your primary role in your practice?

Answered: 931 Skipped: 97



Answer Choices	Responses	
Veterinarian	73.47%	684
Veterinary Technician	6.34%	59
Office Staff	1.83%	17
Purchasing Agent	5.26%	49
Practice Manager	13.10%	122
Total		931

Other (please specify) (82)

#	Other (please specify)	Date
1	Vet Assistant also	5/22/2013 11:21 AM
2	owner	5/20/2013 1:22 PM
3	Surgeon	5/20/2013 12:27 PM
4	CVT primary, inventory manager secondary	5/20/2013 9:26 AM
5	Practice owner and Medical Director	5/19/2013 9:30 AM
6	And Purchasing Agent	5/18/2013 1:21 PM

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#	Other (please specify)	Date
7	and owner	5/18/2013 12:45 PM
8	and RVT/ECC	5/18/2013 10:45 AM
9	Owner also	5/18/2013 8:33 AM
10	owner - sole proprietor	5/18/2013 7:27 AM
11	Senior Veterinary Technician, Mgmt	5/17/2013 12:55 PM
12	Practice Manager / Owner	5/16/2013 8:19 PM
13	purchasing manager & office manager	5/16/2013 8:04 PM
14	CVT and Management	5/16/2013 5:07 PM
15	Owner	5/16/2013 4:54 PM
16	Inventory Manager	5/16/2013 4:21 PM
17	I am also a licensed veterinary technician	5/16/2013 2:50 PM
18	I also have a House Call Practice - I am the only Vet/owner/purchaser	5/16/2013 1:31 PM
19	CVT also	5/16/2013 1:04 PM
20	Owner	5/16/2013 12:58 PM
21	owner	5/16/2013 12:45 PM
22	owner	5/16/2013 11:11 AM
23	Owner	5/16/2013 11:10 AM
24	I do everything as far as approving orders.	5/16/2013 11:08 AM
25	Owner	5/16/2013 10:25 AM
26	Veterinarian and Medical Director	5/16/2013 10:07 AM
27	owner	5/16/2013 10:06 AM
28	Owner/Partner	5/16/2013 9:59 AM
29	LVT supervisor	5/16/2013 9:34 AM
30	owner, purchaser, office manager	5/16/2013 9:01 AM
31	Internist	5/16/2013 8:59 AM
32	Purchasing Agent	5/16/2013 8:56 AM
33	Owner/administrator/manager	5/16/2013 8:52 AM
34	CEO/CFO	5/16/2013 8:51 AM
35	owner	5/15/2013 9:01 PM

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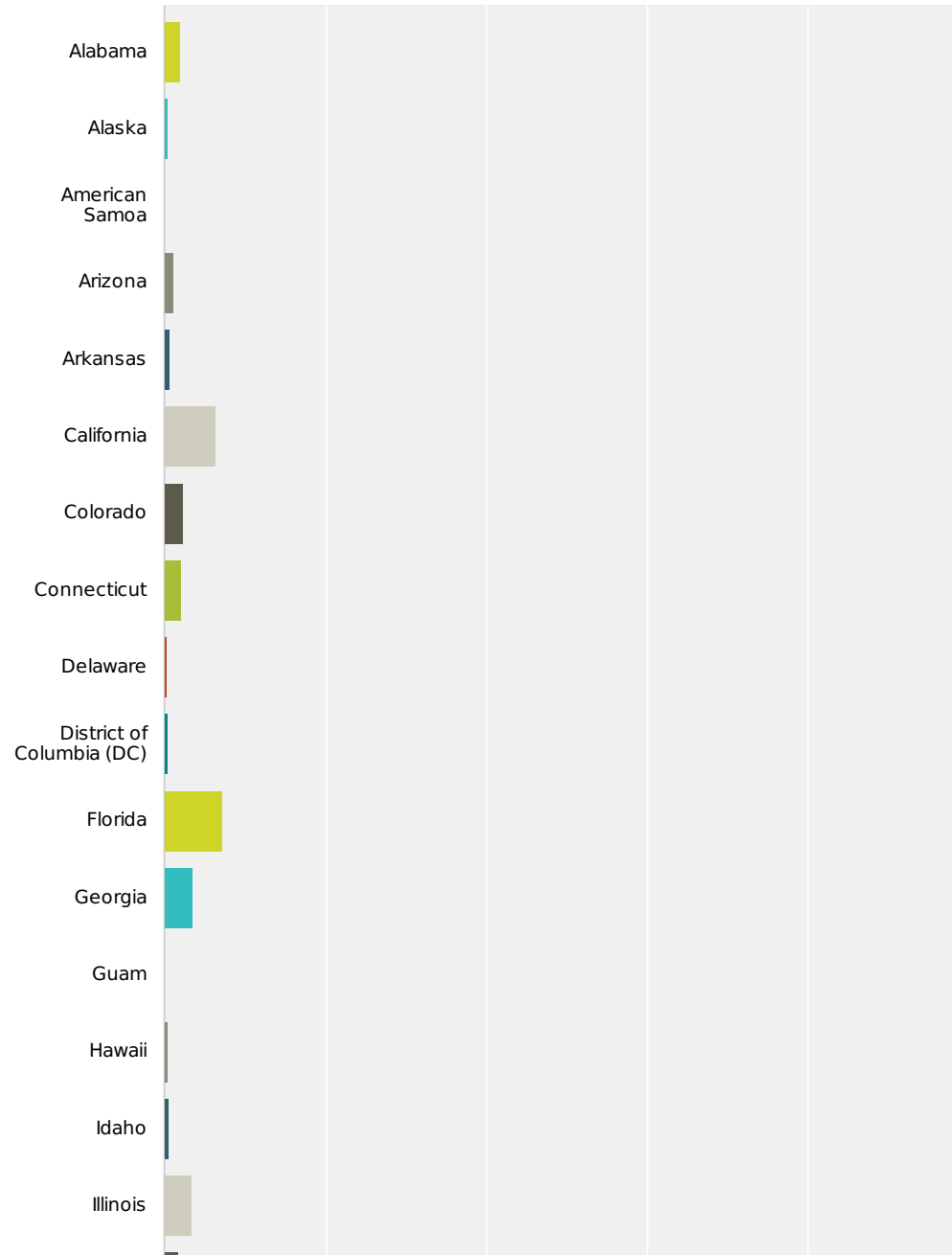
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36	and purchasing agent	5/15/2013 8:41 PM
37	Owner	5/15/2013 5:49 PM
38	Veterinarian and Owner	5/15/2013 1:29 PM
39	Owner/Director	5/15/2013 12:59 PM
40	Hospital Administrator	5/15/2013 12:39 PM
41	Pharmacist at a veterinary teaching hospital	5/15/2013 12:17 PM
42	Owner-veterinarian	5/15/2013 12:11 PM
43	owner	5/15/2013 11:33 AM
44	also a Certified Veterinary Technician	5/15/2013 11:26 AM
45	owner	5/15/2013 10:59 AM
46	Associate Veterinarian and previous owner of Hospital	5/15/2013 10:42 AM
47	Office Manager	5/15/2013 10:19 AM
48	Pharmacy manager	5/15/2013 10:01 AM
49	Pharmacy & Inventory manager	5/15/2013 9:30 AM
50	Owner	5/15/2013 8:18 AM
51	owner	5/15/2013 7:51 AM
52	Practice owner	5/15/2013 7:28 AM
53	Owner	5/14/2013 11:25 PM
54	practice owner	5/14/2013 11:17 PM
55	owner	5/14/2013 10:32 PM
56	owner	5/14/2013 10:00 PM
57	Owner, as well	5/14/2013 9:11 PM
58	owner	5/14/2013 8:06 PM
59	I am also the owner	5/14/2013 7:53 PM
60	Owner	5/14/2013 6:13 PM
61	owner	5/14/2013 5:33 PM
62	Owner	5/14/2013 5:22 PM
63	And practice owner	5/14/2013 5:10 PM
64	Owner	5/14/2013 5:07 PM

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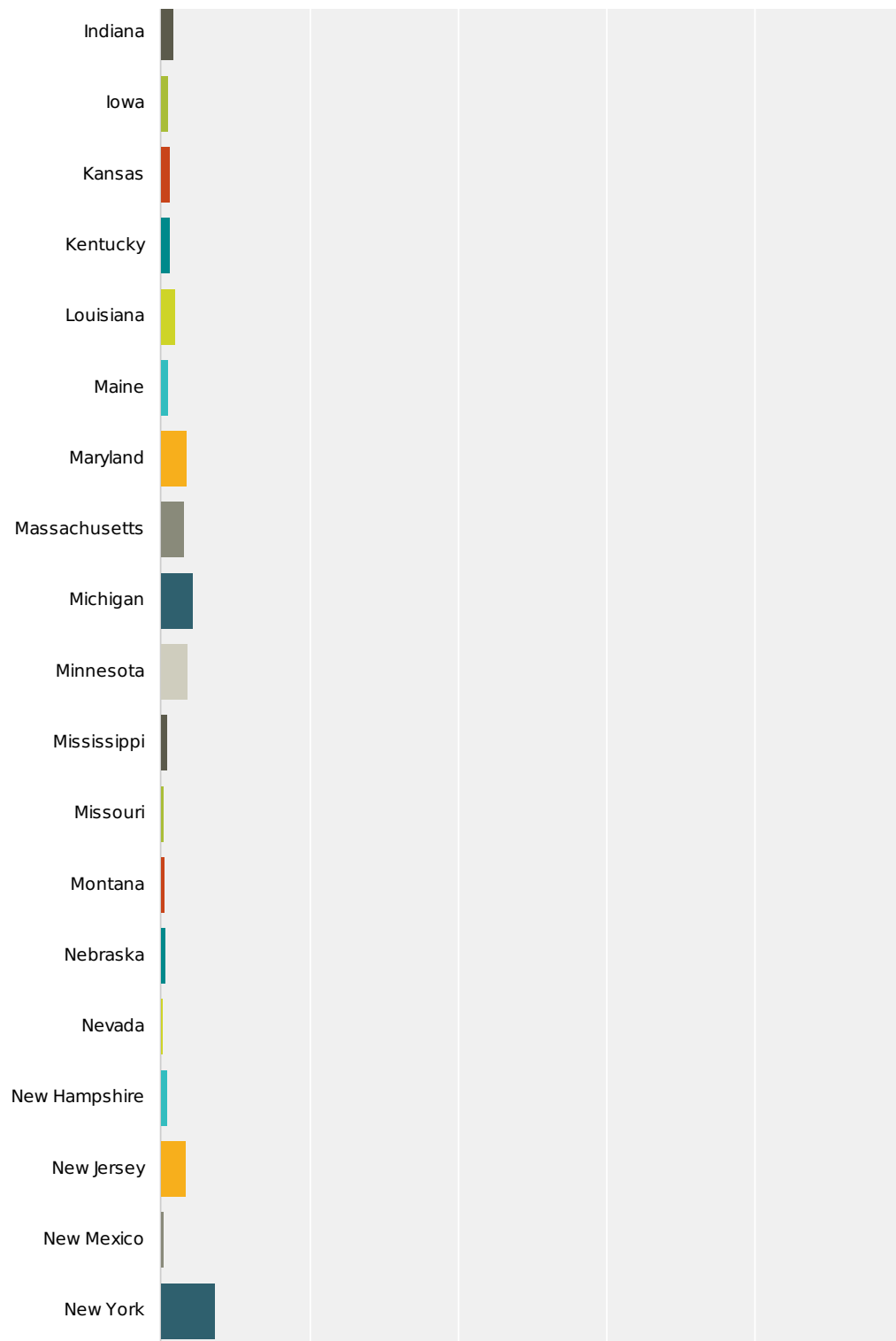
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65	Inventory	5/14/2013 4:58 PM
66	Veterinarian, Practice Manager, and owner	5/14/2013 4:29 PM
67	owner	5/14/2013 3:46 PM
68	Inventory Control	5/14/2013 3:44 PM
69	Owner	5/14/2013 3:09 PM
70	Owner	5/14/2013 2:50 PM
71	Pharmacy Supervisor	5/14/2013 2:42 PM
72	Zoo - exotic practice	5/14/2013 2:41 PM
73	mostly retired, work one day a month, but worked full time for 16 years before then	5/14/2013 2:36 PM
74	owner	5/14/2013 2:33 PM
75	practice owner	5/14/2013 2:30 PM
76	And anything else there was to choose, ie, purchasing agent, office staff, etc., etc.	5/14/2013 2:24 PM
77	work for a public aquarium, university, and exotic animal sanctuary as well as 3 private practices	5/14/2013 2:14 PM
78	owner	5/14/2013 2:13 PM
79	Pharmacy Manager	5/14/2013 2:10 PM
80	Inventory Manager	5/14/2013 2:04 PM
81	Owner	5/14/2013 1:59 PM
82	Yada yada	5/14/2013 1:24 PM

Q18 In what state or U.S. territory is your main practice located?

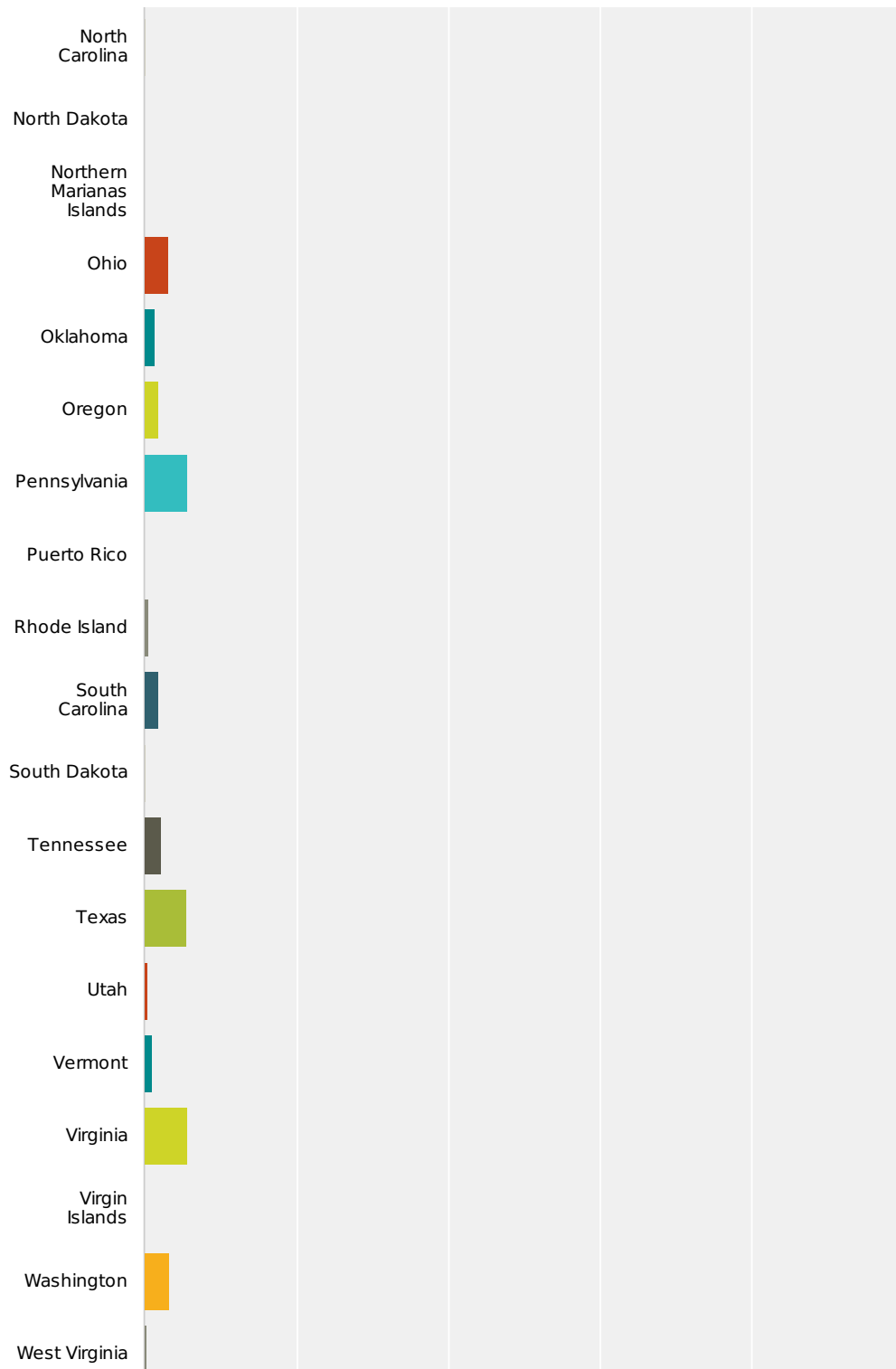
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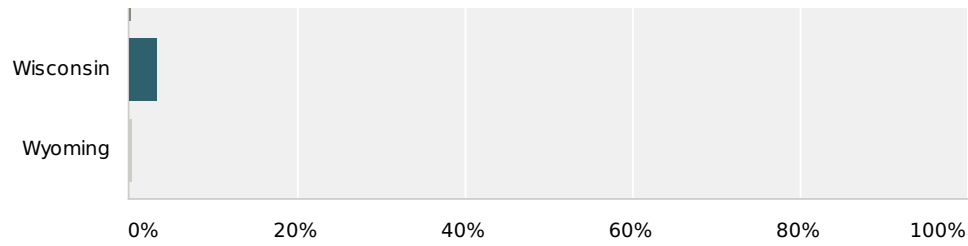
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Answer Choices	Responses
Alabama	1.83% 17
Alaska	0.32% 3
American Samoa	0% 0
Arizona	0.97% 9
Arkansas	0.54% 5
California	6.24% 58
Colorado	2.26% 21
Connecticut	1.94% 18
Delaware	0.22% 2
District of Columbia (DC)	0.32% 3
Florida	7.10% 66
Georgia	3.44% 32
Guam	0% 0
Hawaii	0.32% 3
Idaho	0.43% 4
Illinois	3.34% 31
Indiana	1.61% 15
Iowa	0.86% 8
Kansas	1.08% 10
Kentucky	1.18% 11
Louisiana	1.83% 17
Maine	0.86% 8
Maryland	3.44% 32
Massachusetts	3.01% 28
Total	929

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Michigan	4.20%	39
Minnesota	3.55%	33
Mississippi	0.75%	7
Missouri	0.32%	3
Montana	0.43%	4
Nebraska	0.54%	5
Nevada	0.22%	2
New Hampshire	0.75%	7
New Jersey	3.23%	30
New Mexico	0.32%	3
New York	7.21%	67
North Carolina	0.11%	1
North Dakota	0%	0
Northern Marianas Islands	0%	0
Ohio	3.01%	28
Oklahoma	1.29%	12
Oregon	1.72%	16
Pennsylvania	5.60%	52
Puerto Rico	0%	0
Rhode Island	0.43%	4
South Carolina	1.72%	16
South Dakota	0.11%	1
Tennessee	2.05%	19
Texas	5.49%	51
Utah	0.32%	3
Vermont	0.86%	8
Virginia	5.60%	52
Virgin Islands	0%	0
Washington	3.12%	29
West Virginia	0.22%	2
Wisconsin	3.34%	31
Total		929

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Wyoming	0.32%	3
Total		929