



Vet-VIPPS Accreditation Program

In 2009, the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy® launched the Vet-VIPPS™ program in response to public and regulatory agency concerns regarding the safety of veterinary drugs sold over the Internet. Like the VIPPS® program, which it was developed from, Vet-VIPPS provides a means for the public to distinguish between legitimate and illegitimate online pharmacy practice sites. Vet-VIPPS incorporates criteria specific to veterinary pharmacies and accredits facilities that dispense prescription drugs and devices for companion and non-food producing animals over the Internet

Steps to Vet-VIPPS Accreditation

- Submit an application, required documents, and specified fees to NABP
- Review policies and procedures that ensure adherence to the program's criteria
- Verify license status with member state boards
- Perform an on-site survey

After Achieving Accreditation:

- Once accredited, an annual review and reaccreditation are performed
- To ensure continued compliance, all Vet-VIPPS accredited sites are resurveyed once every three years

- The Vet-VIPPS program and its accompanying Vet-VIPPS Seal of approval identifies to the public those online pharmacy practice sites that:
 - are appropriately licensed in each state they ship pharmaceuticals;
 - are legitimately operating via the Internet; and
 - have successfully completed a rigorous 19-point criteria review and on-site survey.
- **Among other areas, the Vet-VIPPS Criteria examine:**
 - license compliance;
 - how the patient's or caregiver's identity is verified;
 - medication consultation;
 - steps taken to ensure the confidentiality of medical records; and
 - how medications are dispensed.
- **Vet-VIPPS Facts**
 - The Vet-VIPPS accreditation program is voluntary.
 - In conjunction with the VIPPS program, NABP allows for consumers to report suspiciously operating pharmacies to NABP, which then forwards the information to the state boards of pharmacy.