

# Antimicrobials are medicines that are used to treat or prevent infections.

- *The more we use them, the more we encourage Antimicrobial Resistance which can then cause serious infections we cannot treat. We CAN all do our part to help keep antimicrobials effective!*



*Here's how...*

**As a pet owner**

**I CAN...**

- ✓ Prevent disease where possible, by **making sure my pet is up-to-date with vaccinations and annual vet checkups**
- ✓ **Follow the directions provided by the vet** whenever my pets are prescribed an antimicrobial and ask the vet clinic for help, if I have trouble doing that
- ✓ **Responsibly discard of my pet's unused antimicrobials** by bringing them for safe disposal at a pharmacy
- ✓ **Encourage my friends and family** to be responsible with antimicrobials