

Medicine and Pet Food Supply during Brexit.

There is still a large amount of confusion about what may happen around Brexit on 31st October 2019. Whilst the UK Government still states that they would like a deal, if this is not agreed with the EU, then a harsh no-deal Brexit remains the most likely outcome.

Whilst the Government of Jersey is working on contingency plans for human medicines, these do not cover veterinary products. Unfortunately, if the supplies to UK veterinary wholesalers are impacted, out-lying areas such as Jersey are likely to be most affected, especially if the ferry routes to the Island are disrupted.

We have made contingency plans to increase the stock levels that we hold in-house. However, we are also very aware that we may not be able to manage all disruptions. Whilst we do not recommend owners stockpiling and exacerbating supply issues, we also want to ensure that animals on long-term medication or specific diets do not run out.

Therefore, we are recommending that owners whose pets are on specific prescription diets, or long-term medication, should order in some extra supplies. Ideally, these should be ordered as soon as possible to avoid the anticipated supply issues which we have been warned may occur both shortly before and after Brexit.

Please be reasonable when you are ordering more stock than usual. We suggest ordering a maximum of 3 months supply, and please be aware that unfortunately you will be billed for medications at the point of ordering. Due to the increased demands, it may take us a little bit more time than normal to fulfill your orders. Whilst we will try and accommodate your request, we will not have unlimited supplies and we will need to try and ensure that they are shared out appropriately. Also, please be aware that due to restrictions imposed on us by the RCVS we are unable to accept returned goods once they have left the building.