



Veterinary Teaching Hospital Antibiotic Use Point-Prevalence Survey, 2020

Antibiotic prescribing data for dogs and cats were collected on a single day in August 2020 from 14 veterinary teaching hospitals (VTHs) in the U.S. All dogs and cats seen by a veterinarian on emergency and critical care, urgent care, primary care, internal medicine and surgery services were included, for a total of 883 patients (407 inpatients, 476 outpatients).



36%

of cats and dogs were prescribed at least one antibiotic on the survey date

30%

of patients prescribed antibiotics had bacterial susceptibility testing



58%

of inpatients



18%

of outpatients



6%

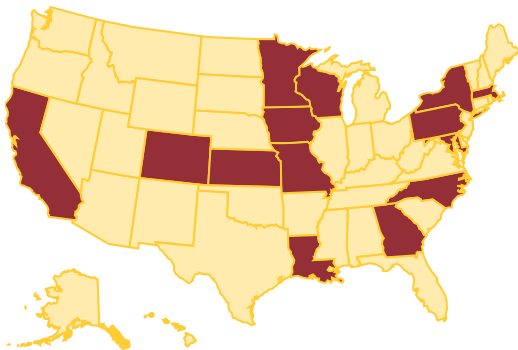
of antibiotics were topical



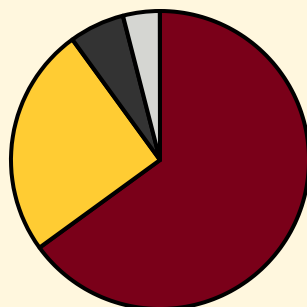
94%

of antibiotics were systemic

States with Participating VTHs



Intended Antibiotic Use



- 65% Infection Treatment
- 25% Prophylaxis
- 6% Undetermined
- 4% Non-Bactericidal Effects

% of common conditions associated with antibiotic prescriptions in dogs and cats



76% of Surgical
49% of Respiratory
44% of Skin
39% of Urinary
17% of GI



88% of Hepatic
48% of Surgical
42% of Skin
33% of Urinary
30% of Neurologic

Most commonly prescribed antibiotics

33% Beta-lactams with increased activity

24% 1st generation cephalosporins

16% Fluoroquinolones

6% Imidazoles

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