

## **Return of Drugs**

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The Ohio Veterinary Medical Licensing Board met on January 14, 2009 and discussed the issue of returning drugs such as “Frontline®”. In accordance with Rule 4729-9-04 OAC regulating returned drugs under the Ohio Pharmacy regulations: No drug that has been dispensed pursuant to a prescription and has left the physical premises of the distributor shall be dispensed again.

According to the Pharmacy Board, if the medication package says “by or on order of a veterinarian”, the drug is a prescription drug and **cannot**, by Rule, be returned to the veterinarians office.

However, if the medication package says “veterinarian-use only” or “for animal use only”, this is an over-the-counter drug and **may** be returned. The Board has taken the position that it is at the veterinarians’ discretion as to whether they will take back certain unopened medications for redistribution. It is highly recommended that the veterinary practice communicate their drug return policy to their clientele.