



Avoid Opioid



PRESCRIPTION ADDICTION

OPIOID MEDICATIONS AND YOUR PETS

Pet owners may be unaware that opioid medications - even those prescribed for their pets - pose a risk for accidental or intentional misuse by family members or guests.

Know the Facts

Medications for pets may be misused by an individual with opioid use disorder. If your pet is prescribed medications, there are things you can do to keep everyone safe.



Safely store opioid medication in a locked container or cabinet.



Properly dispose of any unused medications.



If you or someone you know is struggling with substance use, reach out to the Resource Hotline - 1-800-920-4343. The Resource Hotline is available 24/7 for free, confidential support and connection to resources.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION DISPOSAL AND STORAGE

Proper Medication Disposal

It is best to not throw unused medications in the trash or flush them down the toilet, and instead, properly dispose of these medications.

There are two proper ways to dispose of unused medications:

1. **Medication Take-Back Sites** - Many pharmacies and police stations accept unused medications year-round.
2. **DisposeRx Packet** - A small packet that contains a powder that mixes with warm water and unused pills to create a biodegradable gel that can be thrown in the trash.

To find take back-sites or order FREE DisposeRx packets, visit <https://www.avoidopioidsd.com/take-action/safe-medication-disposal/>

Proper Storage of Medication

It is important to properly store all medications in the home, including your pet's prescriptions, to avoid misuse or theft.

A **medication lock box** is a secure container that ensures medicine is only accessible to the prescription holder and helps reduce accidental overdose or misuse of medication.

To order a FREE medication lock box visit, www.avoidopioidsd.com/take-action/medication-lock-boxes/

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For more information, visit www.avoidopioidsd.com



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