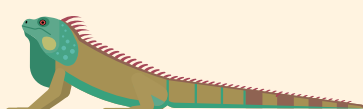


EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT CAVSNET

COMPANION ANIMAL VETERINARY SURVEILLANCE NETWORK



HELP US BUILD THE BIG PICTURE OF PET HEALTH IN THE U.S.



Protecting your privacy

CAVSNET is committed to protecting your personal information. You and your pet will never be identifiable in any shared data or report. CAVSNET has ethics approval from the University of Minnesota.

Further information

Ask your practice about the CAVSNET handbook, which has more information about CAVSNET.

Web: cavsnet.umn.edu
Email: cavsnet@umn.edu

You can also contact the University of Minnesota Human Research Protections Program at 612-625-1650 (hrpp@umn.edu) if you have any further concerns.

What if I do not want to participate?

You do not have to take part in CAVSNET. If you would prefer not to, please let your veterinary team know or contact the CAVSNET research team at cavsnet@umn.edu.

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What will CAVSNET do?

We will collect large volumes of electronic health information from veterinary practices and laboratories across the U.S. The information is used by veterinarians and scientists to help improve pet health.

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Why is your veterinary clinic taking part in CAVSNET?

Your clinic is part of a growing CAVSNET family of veterinary practices, laboratories, universities, organizations, and charities who all care about pet health and welfare. Patient medical information provided by your practice is used to understand why pets become sick. With new information from companion animals across the country, CAVSNET can understand whether pets are more likely to get a particular disease because of their species, breed, age, or location. With this knowledge, we can reduce the risk of pets becoming ill, and if they do, offer improved advice and therapies.

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How can your pet take part?

If you are willing for your pet to be involved, you do not need to do anything. We will automatically collect the following types of information each time you visit your veterinarian or veterinary technician:

- Species of your pet (e.g., dog, cat, horse, rabbit)
- Breed, age, sex, and weight
- Why your pet was brought to the veterinarian
- Notes written about your pet's visit
- Treatments, procedures, and testing done in the clinic
- Medications and other items sent home with your pet
- Zip code where the pet lives

We will not routinely collect your name, address except for zip code, or any payment details from your pet's medical record. If any identifiable information is written in your veterinarian's notes, it will be removed. Details that might identify an owner or pet are never included in analyses or reports.

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What will CAVSNET do with your information?

All information we collect is stored securely at the University of Minnesota and only CAVSNET researchers and approved partners have access to the data. These data are used to better understand what keeps pets healthy and can make them unwell. Findings are shared with your veterinary practice and the wider veterinary profession to improve our understanding of pet health. Anonymous data might be provided to supporting partners to ensure the financial sustainability of CAVSNET.



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