

CBD Products

There are no cannabidiol (CBD) products licenced for veterinary use in the UK.

Under prescribing rules a vet can prescribe a human product if the case warrants it.

Use of CBD products is considered treatment of an animal under the Veterinary Surgeons Act. This means CBD must be prescribed by a veterinarian before being administered by an owner.

CBD is considered a complementary medicine and should not be used instead of medications or treatments with proven efficacy.

The amount of CBD in non-licensed preparations is variable. The concentration on the label may not match the contents and it may contain unlabelled components.

Side effects reported in dogs include;

Ataxia (wobbliness)

Increased liver enzymes

Soft motions

Vomiting

Side effects reported in cats include;

Increased liver enzymes

Excessive licking

Head shaking

Pacing

Chewing and gagging

Vomiting

Hypersalivation

Jumping

Grimacing