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1. FECAVA recognizes the paramount importance of the role of veterinarians in the relief of suffering and the promotion of welfare of companion animals
2. To ensure this goal, FECAVA recommends that the authorisation of medicines to relieve suffering in companion animals should be facilitated to provide easy access throughout Europe to the medicines vital to animal welfare
3. FECAVA reconfirms that Companion Animal medication does not represent any risk to the human population through food contamination.
4. FECAVA is aware of the great responsibility vested in its members to protect and ensure the welfare of companion animals. In accepting that responsibility, FECAVA strongly recommends the introduction of legislation to allow for full availability of the medicines necessary to ensure good veterinary practice for these animals
5. FECAVA recognizes the desire of the EU Parliament and Council to achieve this goal when it stated clearly in the EU Directive 2004/28/EC on Veterinary Medicines in section 21 of the Introduction that ‘the administrative procedures for supplying medicinal products for pets, on the other hand, should be simplified. FECAVA urges the governments of member states to reflect this aspiration in their relevant regulations