

Press release
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Reduced use of antibiotics at AniCura

12-18th of November is the World Antibiotic Awareness Week, a global initiative to spread knowledge about antibiotics and antibiotic resistance. Since several years, AniCura works actively to ensure a wiser use of antibiotics and today, AniCura presents a new study showing a decreased use of antibiotics in European veterinary care.

In October, AniCura measured the use of antibiotics for the third consecutive year. The study, which is part of AniCura's quality program, included 2,951 dogs in seven countries. In total, 11 percent of the dogs received antibiotics, a reduction with several percentage points compared to last year.

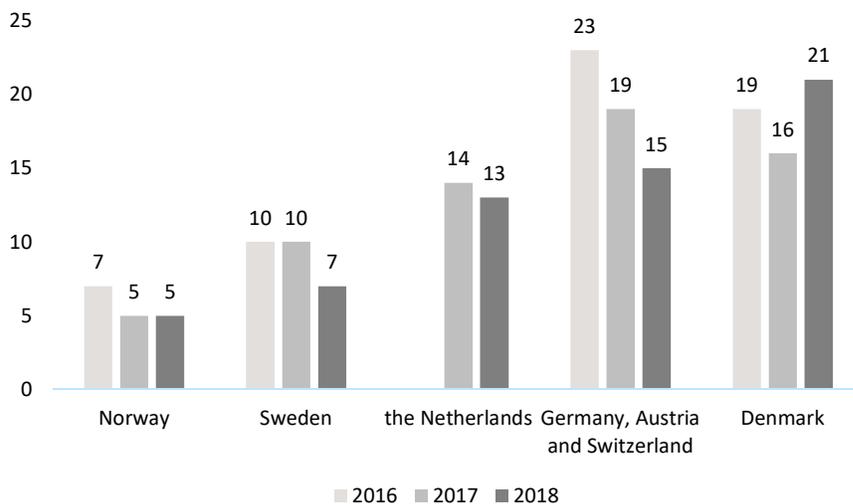
- We are pleased to see a reduction in antibiotic use. This is a result of our efforts to raise awareness around resistance development, combined with improved infection control at our clinics. Avoiding overconsumption of antibiotics is one of our most important responsibilities, says Ulrika Grönlund, Group Medical Quality Manager, AniCura.

Like previous years' studies, Sweden and Norway had a low use of antibiotics of 7 and 5 percent respectively. While antibiotic use in other countries was up to three times higher, the study showed a significant decrease in antibiotic use at many clinics across Europe.

- Although there are still significant differences in how we use antibiotics in different countries, we are making significant progress especially in Germany and Austria, says Ulrika Grönlund.

The study of antibiotic use in European veterinary care was carried out within AniCura's quality program (QualiCura) and is an essential part of ensuring wiser use of antibiotics in veterinary care.

Percentage of dogs given antibiotics (%)





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About AniCura

AniCura is a family of well-known animal hospitals and clinics specialised in veterinary care for companion animals. Born out of the idea that sharing resources creates opportunities for better veterinary care, the company was established in 2011 as the first merger of companion animal hospitals in the Nordic region. Today, AniCura is a role model within specialised veterinary care and a valued partner for pet owners and referring veterinarians across Europe.

AniCura offers a wide range of high quality medical services covering preventive and basic health care as well as advanced diagnostics, internal medicine, intensive care, surgery and orthopaedics. AniCura also provides rehabilitation, physiotherapy and dietary advice and offers selected pet food and care products.

AniCura provides modern, high-quality veterinary care for pets at 225 European locations and creates peace of mind for pet owners through excellent access and patient safety. Every year, AniCura's 4,500 passionate veterinary professionals attend to more than two million companion animal patients. AniCura is a trusted training and referral body.

For information on how AniCura is working to shape the future of veterinary care, please visit our website www.anicuragroup.com