

Prescription Drug Savings

Everyone who has a pet knows that veterinary costs can add up quickly, especially when that pet is as large as a Great Dane. One way to help ease the strain on expenses is to use a discount RX program for medications. Often our pets are prescribed human medications that can be purchased through a regular pharmacy instead of through your veterinarian's office. All you have to do is ask your veterinarian to give you a written prescription to take to your preferred, regular pharmacy. The veterinary staff can often even call to find the lowest cost available.

Many people do not know that there is a discount card available for prescriptions through the Community Assistance Program. This program applies to anyone who has no or inadequate prescription medication coverage through their health insurance. There are no requirements to meet to take advantage of these discounts and you CAN use this discount card on your pet's prescriptions! (Fantastic, right?!) You can read about this program and print your free card to begin using immediately at www.caprxprogram.org/1961 or call 1-888-287-0929. Eighty percent of pharmacies in the US and its territories accept this discount card. Once you set your pet up at a pharmacy with this card, they typically have it in your pet's file and you will not have to provide the card information again. Just be sure to ask when filling and picking up your prescriptions if the card is on file and if the discount has been applied.

If you are a Costco member, you can sign up for their discount program as well (it covers members and their dependents, and it does include pets!). Costco tends to have lower prices already, but this program allows you to save even more when there is no or inadequate prescription drug coverage through your insurance. Additionally, they will allow you to use other prescription drug discount programs, therefore you can also use the Community Assistance Program discount card mentioned above at Costco, adding to your potential savings. This combination will ensure you save as much money as possible on prescriptions for your pets. If you have any questions about this program you can call 1-800-806-0129.