Antibiotics are essential resources for human health, animal health and animal welfare. Their misuse can result in the emergence of bacteria resistant to their action, also called antibioresistant. This phenomenon deeply threatens the control of diseases worldwide.

We need to collectively ensure the responsible and prudent use of antibiotics in animals to preserve their effectiveness.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO AS VETERINARIANS?**

1. **Conduct antimicrobial sensitivity testing before prescribing or administering an antibiotic.**
2. **Educate animal owners on the risks associated with misuse of antibiotics.**
3. **Promote sound animal husbandry hygiene methods, vaccination strategies, and periodically review farm records to ensure compliance with your prescriptions.**
4. **Keep your knowledge on antibiotic use recommendations up to date.**
5. **Only prescribe and dispense antibiotics for animal under your care and only if necessary.**

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