

## **Availability of Viper Venom Antiserum (adder bite antivenom) for veterinary use**

The Veterinary Medicines Regulations allow veterinary surgeons to prescribe and administer a human product to animals under the cascade if there are no suitable authorised products for animals. At present there is no viper venom antiserum authorised in the UK for the treatment of adder bites in dogs.

The VMD can now approve Special Treatment Certificates and Wholesale Dealers Import Certificates for European Viper Antiserum, sourced from Poland (Biomed) or from Croatia (Institute of Immunology, Zagreb).

The applications for these STCs no-longer need to be made on a named animal basis, and applications based upon submission of retrospective records of use are acceptable.

In urgent cases the antivenom may be supplied, purchased and used prior to the STC being obtained from the VMD. **This is a special dispensation made for this clinical condition only.** For further information please contact Sam Ward on 01932 338496.

The contact details of the approved manufacturers are:

1. BIOMED Warsaw  
Wytwornia Surowic i szczepionek BIOMED Ltd  
Ul. Chelmska 30/34  
00-725 Warsaw  
Phone. 022 841 4071

[http://www.biomed.com.pl/en/produkty/antytoksyny/antytoksyna\\_jadu\\_zmij.php](http://www.biomed.com.pl/en/produkty/antytoksyny/antytoksyna_jadu_zmij.php)

2. Institute of Immunology  
Rockefellerova 2  
10000 Zagreb, Croatia  
Phone +385 1 46 84 500

<http://www.imz.hr/eng-info.htm>

**We recommend that before submitting an application you contact the relevant manufacturer to ensure they are able to supply the quantity of product you wish to import.**