Community medicine stores
It is often difficult to have medicines at hand when animals are sick because:

- The medicines are expensive.
- You have to buy more medicine than you need to treat one sick animal.
- The co-op is far.
- You do not know what medicines to use.

You can avoid these problems by getting together with your neighbours to organise a community medicine store.
You can put money in together to buy the usual medicines that you might need for preventing and treating disease in your animals, and have somebody responsible for looking after all the medicines.

Or else you can decide that each person will buy a particular type of medicine. Everyone then knows where to get that medicine when needed.
You can decide among yourselves how these medicines can be paid for when people need to use them, so that there is money to replace the medicines as they are used.

Remember to check expiry dates and storage instructions on the medicines and always read the instructions on how to use them.
By having a community medicine store you are less dependent on help from outside, and can treat your animals before they die.

**Veterinary help is extremely important in order to diagnose diseases and recommend which medicines to buy and how to use them**
For further information consult your animal health technician, state or private veterinarian

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