In our Winter edition of this newsletter, we alerted you to an FDA initiative entitled Guidance for Industry #230. It seemed clear to many that the FDA was circumventing "states’ rights" to govern pharmacy as well as bypass Congressional authority.

In the presence of compelling insight by the American Veterinary Medicine Association and leaders of Congress, we waited for contemporary thinkers to bring sense to this issue. After consideration of overwhelming public feedback, last December, Congress expressed grave concerns that the FDA was overstepping its authority and further mandated that the FDA draft guidance for the use of compounds for office stock and the subsequent dispensing of such within a 90 day deadline.

While the FDA’s subsequent draft addressed concerns with human compounding, the use of compounds for veterinary office stock and dispensing was not addressed, nor was clarity given regarding Outsourcing Facilities in animal medicine—a concept previously denied to pharmacies that specialize in veterinary compounding. The FDA draft is only a few weeks old; we’ll keep you posted on new developments regarding this crucial topic.
Diathal was incredibly popular with some practitioners for use in diarrhea. Containing chlorpheniramine, hyoscyamine and streptomycin along with penicillin, this injectable often reversed non-specific diarrhea following one administration. The presence of penicillin was the weakest link in determining Beyond Use Dating, often no more than 60 days.

Veterinarians have asked us to compound all the non-penicillin components in an under-filled vial so that they may add penicillin at the time of use. Our sterile Chlor-Hyo-Strep has much better dating than the penicillin mixture, affording much better value and not as much waste.

Ask one of our pharmacists about this compounding-only opportunity if you’ve been searching for Diathal.

Theophylline, an incredibly useful bronchodilator used in dogs, has been unavailable for some time. At the request of your colleagues, we are now compounding this as an immediate-release option in our very popular dosage form, the Flex Tab.

At 150mg, additional doses of 100mg, 75mg and 50mg are easily attained with just the snap of a tablet. The 75mg tablet also yields 50mg, 37.5mg and 25mg options.

Call one of our 40+ pharmacists to discuss these new Theophylline, and other Flex Tabs options such as doxycycline, clindamycin, meloxicam and ursodiol.

Remember, we carry many other drugs that are out-of-stock or discontinued.
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**Formulation Improvement**

A few of our improved formulations no longer require climate control for the shipping box. Some medications that used to require ice packs in transport are no longer required such as Cidofovir ophthalmic drops. Please watch for new labeling.

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**Introducing...**

The newest additions to the Roadrunner sales team:

- **Alex Castillo** - South Florida/Puerto Rico
- **Rebecca Helms** - Tennessee/N. Carolina
- **Joseph Vono** - New Jersey/Philadelphia
- **Brian Raugh** - Virginia/W. Virginia

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Employee Spotlight

When non-compounding team members wanted more information about our unique dosage forms, Summer Roper, a Senior Technician, jumped into action and designed this extensive Show and Tell forum for our employees that are not intimately involved in compounding. That’s Summer—spotting a problem, gathering background and then creating a resolution.

Summer has been part of the Roadrunner Pharmacy team for more than 9 years and has had numerous jobs—each one embraced and enhanced.

At the apex of her knowledge, she is currently utilizing her diversity and experience in our Special Projects area, fine-tuning our program to ensure we are the best at what we do. Married with one daughter close to driving age, she is owned by 3 dogs.

Summer is an invaluable member of our Roadrunner family, bringing the best service to owners and the best care to their pets!

Insert with EVERY medication shipped to pet owners!!