



New Brunswick beekeepers will now only be able to obtain antibiotics for honey bees from veterinarians – Assigned Veterinarian list

Due to a new regulation from Health Canada, as of December 1, 2018, New Brunswick beekeepers will only be able to purchase antibiotics for honey bees from veterinarians. In New Brunswick, the antibiotic oxytetracycline is mainly used for the prevention of American foulbrood and must be obtained from a veterinarian.

As part of the new requirement, for purchasing antibiotics, a veterinarian will have to make an initial visit to a New Brunswick beekeeper to establish a veterinarian and beekeeper client relationship. To help with this relationship, the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF) has assigned veterinarians who are available to visit beekeepers' apiaries. A beekeeper may also choose to contact a veterinarian who does not work for DAAF to establish the veterinarian-client relationship and purchase antibiotics.

The following is the contact information for the DAAF veterinarians (**UPDATED: March 2024**):

Dr. Ashley McCarthy (Away until June 2024: Fredericton - veterinarian field services: 506-453-2210). Before June 24: 506-453-2210.

Dr. Jessica MacQuarrie (Moncton – veterinarian field services: 506-856-2278)

Dr. Jessica Harvey (Moncton – veterinarian field services: 506-856-2278)

Dr. Lisa Freeze (Sussex – veterinarian field services: 506-432-2001)

Dr. Werner Debertin (Wicklow – veterinarian field services: 506-392-5101)

DAAF has posted additional information on changes to antibiotic purchases at this link:

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture/content/livestock/veterinary_services.html