

# DISPOSAL OF EXPIRED MEDICINES, EMPTY MEDICINE BOTTLES AND USED SYRINGES AND NEEDLES

## Needles

- Ⓞ All needles and scalpel blades must be disposed of in Sharps bin which should be stored in the medicine storage area
- Ⓞ Once full, the Sharps bin can be returned to the practice. However, the Sharps bin must be sealed with the name of the farm clearly labeled on the side
- Ⓞ No plastics (including syringes) or glass should be placed in the Sharps bin

## Syringes

- Ⓞ All used syringes must be disposed of by placing in a plastic bag hung in the medicine storage area. The bag should be clearly labeled “**used syringes only**”
- Ⓞ Used or expired plastic medicine bottles can be disposed of through the used syringe bag
- Ⓞ The bag of used syringes can be disposed of through the practice
- Ⓞ The plastic syringe cases can be disposed through the routine refuse collection service

## Medicine bottles

- Ⓞ All used and expired glass medicine bottles should be disposed of by placing in a separate bag labeled “**medicine bottles**”
- Ⓞ Do not place needles or syringes in the medicine bottles bag
- Ⓞ Bottles of prostaglandin (Planate, Lutalyse or Estrumate) must be returned to the practice separately not through the routine glass disposal system
- Ⓞ Once half-full the medicine bottle bag can be disposed of through the practice