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## **THE THREAT:**

The role of pets in the spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) has not been given as much attention when compared to food-producing animals, as they are often not included in the AMR monitoring guidelines<sup>1</sup>. The use of antibiotics in small animal veterinary practice has now become increasingly frequent due to increased owner demand<sup>2</sup>. The antimicrobial agents used in veterinary medicine include those commonly used in human medicine and are often broad-spectrum agents. Because of this, there is a cumulative selection pressure placed on the microorganisms, reducing the efficacy of antimicrobial treatments in humans<sup>3</sup>.