



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4729:5-15-05 Chemical capture classification.

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(A) Upon application of an animal shelter or county dog warden that holds a limited license issued under section 4729.531 of the Revised Code, the state board of pharmacy may grant a chemical capture classification to the limited license. The classification permits the holder to purchase, possess, and administer a combination of drugs for chemical capture. Unless otherwise approved by the board, no such classification shall authorize or permit the distribution of these drugs to any person other than the originating wholesale distributor of the drugs.

(1) To qualify for a chemical capture classification under this rule, an applicant shall appoint or employ a certified officer.

(2) An animal shelter or county dog warden shall comply with the initial licensure and renewal requirements set forth in rule 4729:5-2-02 of the Administrative Code. As part of this licensing process, the animal shelter or county dog warden shall provide a list of drugs, signed by the responsible person, that will be used for chemical capture.

(3) A certified officer may use any of the following drugs for use as part of the chemical capture process:

(a) Ketamine;

(b) Xylazine;

(c) Tiletamine and zolazepam;

(d) Yohimbine;

(e) Tolazoline; and



(f) Atipamezole.

(B) All areas where drugs and devices used for chemical capture are stored shall comply with the security and storage requirements of rule 4729:5-15-02 of the Administrative Code and rule 4729:5-3-13 of the Administrative Code.

(C) All drugs used for chemical capture shall comply with the following:

(1) Recordkeeping requirements of rule 4729:5-15-03 of the Administrative Code; and

(2) Drug disposal requirements of rule 4729:5-15-02 of the Administrative Code.

(D) The animal shelter or dog warden shall develop and implement a drug dosing protocol for all drugs and equipment used in chemical capture.

(1) The protocol shall be reviewed and signed by a veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.

(2) The protocol shall include the following: drug, dose, concentration, approved uses for drug delivery, approved equipment for use, circumstances for use, contraindications, any known common complications/side effects, and weight ranges with corresponding volume of drug to be administered.

(3) A documented review of the protocol shall be conducted by a veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code at least once every five years.

(E) All equipment used in chemical capture shall:

(1) Be secured to prevent unauthorized access by individuals who are not certified officers;

(2) Maintained and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the protocol established in accordance with paragraph (D) of this rule.

(3) Be disposed of in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.



(F) An animal shelter or dog warden with a chemical capture classification shall develop and implement policies and procedures that incorporate the following based upon nationally recognized standards for chemical capture:

(1) Determining when chemical capture is appropriate. Such policies and procedures shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure animal safety, certified officer safety, and the safety of the public.

(2) The care of a companion animal immediately upon capture. Certified officers engaged in chemical capture must have a written animal handling and post capture protocol which includes:

(a) The procedure for removing the dart from a captured animal;

(b) First aid for the animal, with particular reference to the dart wound and potential emergencies (including: hyperthermia, hypothermia, shock, bloat, respiratory distress, and cardiac arrest); and

(c) Appropriate location and handling for the animal during recovery from the capture event.

(G) A terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a chemical capture classification shall maintain records for every certified officer that has completed training in accordance section 4729.534 of the Revised Code. Such documentation shall be made readily retrievable and shall be maintained for one year from the date the certified officer is no longer employed by or affiliated with the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs.