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FAQs Regarding Reporting Animal Prescriptions

1 For an animal owned by a company or a private or public shelter/zoo, what information should be submitted for the owner's name, the pet's name, and the date of birth?

When reporting these prescriptions, please use the following:

1. For the owner's first name: The name of the company or shelter/zoo
2. For the animal's first name: The name of the animal or, if not available, the name of the company or shelter/zoo
3. For the last name: The name of the company or shelter/zoo
4. For the date of birth: 1/1/2000

2 What if the animal has more than one owner? Which owner should be reported?

Designate a primary owner on file.

3 Can a veterinarian view dispensations for the owner on the AR PDMP?

No. The AR PDMP does not allow a veterinarian to access human dispensation data.

4 How often must a veterinarian report controlled substance dispensations to the AR PDMP?

Veterinarians shall report controlled substance dispensing information every thirty days.

5 What information does the AR PDMP require when reporting a dispensation for an animal/veterinary patient?

As of December 2021, if the prescription dispensed is for an animal patient, the prescription must be reported as follows:

1. The prescription must be identified as an animal/veterinary patient;
2. The owner of the animal/veterinary patient must be reported to the department by first name, last name, and date of birth;
3. The animal/veterinary patient must be reported.

6 When should a veterinarian check the AR PDMP on an animal patient?

Per Act 820 of 2017, a prescriber shall check the information in the AR PDMP prior to prescribing:

1. An opioid from Schedule II or Schedule III for every time prescribing the medication to a patient; and
2. A benzodiazepine medication for the first time prescribing the medication to a patient.

7 Do the MMEs from an animal dispensation get added to the owner's when running a query on the AR PDMP?

No.

8 What if my vendor/software doesn't provide the option to add the owner's date of birth (or first name, last name, etc)?

Please contact your vendor to inform them of reporting requirements so they can make the required changes. If needed, forward your vendor our one-page PDF instructional, entitled "Animal Prescription Reporting for Vendors," found on our page: <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/pdmp-for-healthcare-providers> .