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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>.