

Virginia Board of Pharmacy

Guidance on

**APPROVED CAPTURE DRUGS AND DRUG ADMINISTERING
EQUIPMENT**

Animal control officers and other officials as defined in §3.1-796.66 of the Comprehensive Animal laws may possess drugs and drug administering equipment which are approved by the State Veterinarian for use in the capture of companion animals. Such drugs and drug administering equipment may also be possessed by trained animal shelter staff at the address of the animal shelter or trained animal control officers for chemically immobilizing wildlife for the purpose of performing humane dispatch in a manner that prioritizes public safety and animal welfare. Only an animal control officer may remove the drugs from the storage location listed on the controlled substances registration issued by the Board to transport such drugs in the field for administration purposes. The drugs shall be promptly returned to the Board-approved storage location listed on the controlled substances registration application and cannot be stored offsite overnight. Such drugs shall not otherwise be removed from the approved drug storage location. Click below to access the most recent State Veterinarian's directive for Approved Capture Drugs and Drug Administering Equipment.

<http://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/animals-animal-care.shtml>