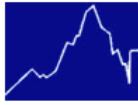


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Veterinarians and Wildlife Rehabilitators - Prescription Drugs

There is no allowance in law for a veterinarian to provide a wildlife rehabilitator with a general stock of controlled substances (including Schedule VI drugs) to be administered to wildlife. However, a veterinarian may prescribe, label and dispense a drug to a wildlife rehabilitator for the treatment of a specific animal after establishing a bona fide practitioner-patient relationship.

The Board's guidance document [150-13: Controlled Substances in veterinary practices](#) is available for review.

Re-scheduling of Hydrocodone Combination Products

The US Drug Enforcement Administration published a Final Rule in the Federal Register placing hydrocodone combination products (HCPs) into **Schedule II** effective **October 6, 2014**. With the exception for prescribing an amount to cover an emergency, Schedule II prescriptions must be *written* and *may not be refilled*. Additionally, to order a supply of HCP, a prescriber or his authorized agent must execute a DEA Form 222 or DEA's Controlled Substance Ordering System (CSOS) beginning October 6, 2014. The DEA's [press release](#) which includes a link to the Final Rule is available for review. Frequently asked questions issued by the Board of Veterinary Medicine may be accessed [HERE](#).

Questions may be directed to the your local DEA Field Office or vetbd@dhp.virginia.gov