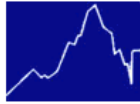


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Reminder and Additional Information

Reminder: Emergency regulations become effective on 6/26/2017. To review information on the regulatory action including the emergency regulations [CLICK HERE](#). To review the emergency regulations only [CLICK HERE](#).

Additional Information: The Drug Enforcement Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Ultram® package insert indicate that tramadol is a controlled substance which contains an opioid. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

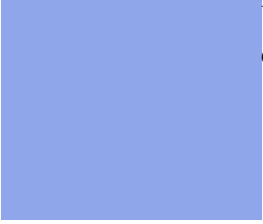
Additional Information: Section 18VAC150-20-174(C) of the emergency regulations states

C. Prior to prescribing or dispensing a controlled substance, the veterinarian shall document a discussion with the owner about...the responsibility for the security of the drug, and proper disposal of any unused drug.

The Board of Veterinary Medicine is pleased to advance to your attention two flyers, *Prescription Medication Safety for Pet Owners* and *Opioid Safety for Veterinarians* that provide important drug safety and disposal information for pet owners and veterinarians.

These important tools in the fight against opioid prescription abuse and addiction are now available to download and print from the [Board's website](#) (located on the left-hand side under the webpage menu items).

Designed to post in your office to raise overdose awareness and disseminate to the owners of animals under your care, the materials address the proper disposal by consumers of unused opioid prescription drugs and include links for practitioners and pet owners to governmental websites for additional information.



Your active participation in Virginia's response to this public health crisis could not be more timely.

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