



Veterinary Clinic Inspection Guide Update

On March 2, 2020, the Board of Pharmacy adopted a new resolution to permit registered veterinary technicians to access controlled substances that have been dispensed or personally furnished for the on-site administration to patients undergoing treatment and/or boarding within a veterinary clinic. The resolution text is below.

The Board has updated page 15 of the Veterinary Clinic Inspection Guide to reflect the adoption of the resolution and is in the process of making corresponding updates to the rule. As a reminder, the Veterinary Clinic Inspection Guide can be accessed by visiting: www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/VetInspect.

For questions regarding this change, the most expedient way to have your questions answered will be to e-mail the Board office by visiting: <http://www.pharmacy.ohio.gov/contact.aspx>.

Resolution: Administration of Controlled Substances by Registered Veterinary Technicians

Pursuant to section 4729.25 of the Revised Code, the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy hereby authorizes veterinary technicians to administer the controlled substances in a facility licensed in accordance with Chapter 4729:5-20 of the Administrative Code in accordance with the following:

- (1) The drugs have been personally furnished by a veterinarian and are intended for administration to patients undergoing treatment and/or boarding within the veterinary clinic.*
- (2) The drugs must be stored in a securely locked, substantially constructed cabinet or safe with access that is limited to veterinarians and veterinary technicians. The cabinet or safe must be separate from those required in paragraphs (B) and (F) of rule 4729:5-20-03.*
 - (a) The cabinet or safe shall be placed in an area that is not readily accessible to the public.*
 - (b) The cabinet or safe shall remain locked and secured when not in use.*
 - (c) In the case of a combination lock or access code, the combination or access code shall be changed upon termination of employment of an employee having knowledge of the combination or access code.*
 - (d) In the case of a key lock, all keys shall be maintained in a secure place that is inaccessible to anyone other than a veterinarian and veterinary technician.*
 - (e) During non-business hours, the cabinet or safe shall be maintained in an area secured by a physical barrier with suitable locks, which may include a locked room or secure facility.*
- (3) A record of drug administration shall be maintained in accordance with paragraph (E) of rule 4729:5-20-04 of the Administrative Code and shall also include the date and time the drugs are accessed from the cabinet or safe.*
- (4) The responsible person shall report the theft or significant loss of drugs maintained pursuant to this paragraph in accordance with rule 4729:5-3-02 of the Administrative Code.*

This resolution shall remain in effect until such time as the Board makes corresponding updates to rule 4729:5-20-03 of the Administrative Code or as otherwise determined by the Board.
