



## **For Stakeholder Comment - Animal Shelter, Dog Warden, WARFs**

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The following rules are being distributed for stakeholder comment as part of the Board's statutorily required 5-year rule review process:

- Rule 4729:5-15-01 | Animal shelters - definitions.
- Rule 4729:5-15-02 | Security and control of dangerous drugs.
- Rule 4729:5-15-03 | Record keeping.
- Rule 4729:5-15-04 | Drugs approved for euthanasia.
- Rule 4729:5-15-05 | Chemical capture classification.

Comments on the proposed rules will be accepted until the close of business on **Friday, May 15, 2026**. Please send all comments to the following email address:

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**Rule 4729:5-15-01 | Animal shelters, dog wardens, and wild animal rehabilitation facilities - definitions. (AMEND)**

As used in Chapter 4729:5-15 of the Administrative Code:

(A) "Animal shelter" means a facility licensed as terminal distributor of dangerous drugs in accordance with section [4729.531](#) of the Revised Code or section [4729.54](#) of the Revised Code. An animal shelter shall be operated by a humane society or any society organized under Chapter 1717. of the Revised Code or a dog pound operated pursuant to Chapter 955. of the Revised Code and shall comply with all requirements set forth in this chapter.

(1) An animal shelter that does not have a licensed veterinarian serving as the responsible person shall obtain a limited license as terminal distributor of dangerous drugs in accordance with section [4729.531](#) of the Revised Code.

(2) An animal shelter shall ensure that all agents and employees who perform euthanasia, other than registered veterinary technicians or licensed veterinarians, shall successfully complete a euthanasia technician certification course described in section [4729.532](#) of the Revised Code.

(3) An animal shelter shall comply with the initial licensure and renewal requirements set forth in rule [4729:5-2-02](#) of the Administrative Code.

(4) The board may suspend, revoke, restrict, limit, or refuse to grant or renew any license issued to an animal shelter in accordance with rule [4729:5-4-01](#) of the Administrative Code.

(B) "Certified officer" means an individual who meets the requirements established under section [4729.534](#) of the Revised Code.

(C) "Chemical capture" means using an anesthetic drug or sedative on a companion animal to do any of the following:

- (1) Immobilize and capture;
- (2) Attempt to immobilize and capture; or
- (3) Attempt to immobilize or capture.

(D) "Chemical capture classification" means an authorization for a facility licensed as a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs in accordance with section [4729.532](#) of the Revised Code to purchase, possess, and administer a combination of drugs for chemical capture.

(E) "Companion animal" has the same meaning as in section [959.131](#) of the Revised Code.

(F) "Controlled substance" has the same meaning as in section [3719.01](#) of the Revised Code.

(G) "County dog warden" means a dog warden or deputy dog warden appointed or employed under section [955.12](#) of the Revised Code.

(1) A county dog warden shall ensure that all agents and employees who perform euthanasia, other than registered veterinary technicians or licensed veterinarians, shall successfully complete a euthanasia technician certification course described in section [4729.532](#) of the Revised Code.

(2) A county dog warden shall comply with the initial licensure and renewal requirements set forth in rule [4729:5-2-02](#) of the Administrative Code.

(3) The board may suspend, revoke, restrict, limit, or refuse to grant or renew any license issued to a county dog warden in accordance with rule [4729:5-4-01](#) of the Administrative Code.

(H) "Dangerous drug" has the same meaning as in section [4729.01](#) of the Revised Code.

(I) "Euthanasia" has the same meaning as in paragraph (A) of rule [901:12-1-01](#) of the Administrative Code.

(J) "Euthanasia technician" is an individual that has successfully completed a euthanasia certification course, the curriculum of which has been approved by the veterinary medical licensing board pursuant to section [4729.532](#) of the Revised Code, and is in possession of a certificate which documents the successful completion of the certification course. For the purposes of this chapter, a euthanasia technician is considered a certified health care professional.

(K) "Personal supervision" means the person specified in rule shall be physically present at the licensed location to deter and detect the diversion of dangerous drugs.

(L) "Personally furnish" or "personally furnishing" means the distribution of dangerous drugs by a prescriber to the prescriber's patients for use outside the prescriber's practice setting. For the purposes of this chapter, the prescriber shall be a veterinarian. A veterinarian at an animal shelter who personally furnishes a dangerous drug shall comply with the requirements of rule [4729:5-20-02](#) of the Administrative Code.

(M)

(1) "Positive identification" means a method of identifying a person that does not rely on the use of a private personal identifier such as a password, but must use a secure means of identification that includes any of the following:

(a) A manual signature on a hard copy record;

(b) A magnetic card reader;

(c) A bar code reader;

(d) A biometric method;

(e) A proximity badge reader;

(f) A board approved system of randomly generated personal questions;

(g) A printout of every transaction that is verified and manually signed within a reasonable period of time by the individual who performed the action requiring positive identification. The printout must be maintained for three years and made readily retrievable; or

(h) Other effective methods for identifying individuals that have been approved by the board.

**(2) ~~A method relying on a magnetic card reader, a bar code reader, a proximity badge reader, or randomly generated questions for identification must also include a private personal identifier, such as a password, for entry into a secure mechanical or electronic system. A method relying on a magnetic card reader, a bar code reader, a proximity badge reader, or randomly generated questions for identification must also include a private personal identifier.~~**

(N) "Readily retrievable" means that records maintained in accordance with this chapter shall be kept in such a manner that, upon request, they can be produced for review no later than three business days to an agent, officer, or inspector of the board.

(O) "Registered veterinary technician" has the same meaning as in section [4741.01](#) of the Revised Code.

(P) "Responsible person" has the same meaning as defined in rule [4729:5-2-01](#) of the Administrative Code and is responsible for the supervision and control of dangerous drugs as required in division (B) of section [4729.55](#) of the Revised Code, adequate safeguards as required in division (C) of section [4729.55](#) of the Revised Code, security and control of dangerous drugs, and maintaining all drug records otherwise required.

(Q) "Veterinarian" means an individual licensed by the state of Ohio to practice veterinary medicine pursuant to Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.

**(R) "Wild animal rehabilitation facility" or "WARF" means a facility that holds a permit issued by the chief of the division of wildlife for rehabilitation purposes in accordance with section [1533.08](#) of the Revised Code or rules adopted by the chief.**

**(1) A WARF shall ensure that all agents and employees who perform euthanasia, other than registered veterinary technicians or licensed veterinarians, shall successfully complete a euthanasia technician certification course described in section [4729.532](#) of the Revised Code.**

**(2) A WARF shall comply with the initial licensure and renewal requirements set forth in rule [4729:5-2-02](#) of the Administrative Code.**

**(3) The board may suspend, revoke, restrict, limit, or refuse to grant or renew any license issued to a WARF in accordance with rule [4729:5-4-01](#) of the Administrative Code.**

**Rule 4729:5-15-02 | Security and control of dangerous drugs. (AMEND)**

(A) The security and control of dangerous drugs is the responsibility of the responsible person on the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs license and the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs.

(B) Controlled substance dangerous drugs used to perform euthanasia or chemical capture shall be stored in a securely locked, substantially constructed cabinet or safe.

(1) The cabinet or safe shall be placed in an area that is not readily accessible to the public. The public does not include volunteers of the animal shelter, **county dog warden, or WARF.**

(2) The cabinet or safe shall remain locked and secured when not in use.

(3) 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.

(4) 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, registered veterinary technician, responsible person, euthanasia technician, certified officer, dog warden, or executive director of the shelter **or WARF.** All locks shall be kept in good working order with keys removed therefrom.

(5) When not staffed by shelter, **county dog warden, or WARF** personnel, 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.

(6) Only a veterinarian, registered veterinary technician, euthanasia technician, executive director of the shelter **or WARF,** certified officer, dog warden, or the licensee's responsible person shall be able to access the cabinet or safe.

(C) Except as provided in paragraph (E) of this rule, controlled substance dangerous drugs that are not used to perform euthanasia or chemical capture shall be stored in a securely locked, substantially constructed cabinet or safe.

(1) The cabinet or safe shall be placed in a designated drug storage area that is not accessible by the public. The public does not include volunteers of the animal shelter, **county dog warden, or WARF.**

(2) The cabinet or safe shall remain locked and secured when not in use.

(3) 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.

(4) 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 if not being used by a veterinarian or a veterinary technician in accordance with paragraph (C)(6)(a), (C)(6)(b), or (C)(6)(c) of this rule. All locks shall be kept in good working order with keys removed therefrom.

(5) When not staffed by shelter, **county dog warden, or WARF** personnel, 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.

(6) Except as provided in paragraph (C)(6)(a), (C)(6)(b), or (C)(6)(c) of this rule, only a veterinarian shall be able to access the cabinet or safe.

(a) A veterinarian may provide a veterinary technician with a temporary key for the purposes of accessing the cabinet or safe. A veterinary technician shall return the key provided in accordance with this paragraph to the veterinarian or a secured location with restricted access (such as a lockbox) no later than the end of the technician's shift or if there is no longer a veterinarian available to provide personal supervision.

(b) A veterinarian may provide a veterinary technician with a key, combination, or access code for the purposes of accessing the cabinet or safe, if all the following conditions apply:

(i) The cabinet or safe is maintained in a room secured by a physical barrier with suitable locks that can only be unlocked by a veterinarian;

(ii) The room is locked when not staffed by personnel or when there is no longer a veterinarian available to provide personal supervision.

(c) Any other method approved by the board's executive director or the director's designee that provides effective controls and procedures to guard against theft and diversion.

(D) Except as provided in paragraphs (B) and (E) of this rule, a registered veterinary technician may have access to controlled substances only under the personal supervision of a veterinarian.

(E) Employees or volunteers of an animal shelter, **WARF**, or county dog warden that are designated by the responsible person or the shelter **or WARF's** executive director may have unsupervised access to controlled substances only under the following conditions:

(1) The drugs have been personally furnished by a veterinarian or dispensed by a pharmacy for direct administration to an animal.

(2) The drugs must be stored in an area secured by a physical barrier with suitable locks, which may include a substantially constructed cabinet, safe, or room. Access to the cabinet, safe, or room shall be limited to designated staff. The cabinet or safe must be separate from those required in paragraphs (B), (C), and (I) of this rule.

(a) The cabinet or safe shall be placed in an area that is not readily accessible to the public. The public does not include volunteers of the animal shelter, **county dog warden, or WARF. or county dog warden.**

(b) The cabinet, safe, or room shall remain locked and secured when not in use.

(c) In the case of a key lock, all keys shall be maintained in a secure place that is inaccessible to anyone other than designated staff. All locks shall be kept in good working order with keys removed therefrom.

(d) When not staffed by shelter, **county dog warden, or WARF** personnel, 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 [4729:5-15-03](#) of the Administrative Code.

(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.

(5) The responsible person, ~~or~~ shelter's executive director, **or WARF's executive director** shall maintain a current list of all designated employees or volunteers for immediate inspection by an agent, officer, ~~or~~ inspector of the board.

(F) Non-controlled dangerous drugs that have been personally furnished by a veterinarian or dispensed by a pharmacy for direct administration may be administered by an animal shelter, **WARF**, or county dog warden employee or volunteer.

(G) Only a veterinarian shall have access to uncompleted prescription blanks used for writing a prescription. Uncompleted prescription blanks shall be secured when not in use.

(H)

(1) For an animal shelter or county dog warden that is licensed in accordance with section [4729.54](#) of the Revised Code: personnel authorized by the responsible person may have access to D.E.A. controlled substance order forms only under the personal supervision of a veterinarian. D.E.A. controlled substance order forms shall be secured when not in use.

(2) For an animal shelter, **WARF**, or county dog warden that is licensed in accordance with section [4729.531](#) of the Revised Code: personnel authorized by the responsible person may have access to D.E.A. controlled substance order forms only under the personal supervision of the responsible person. D.E.A. controlled substance order forms shall be secured when not in use.

(I) Thiafentanil, carfentanil, etorphine hydrochloride, and diprenorphine shall be stored in a separate safe or steel cabinet equivalent to a U.S. government class V security container from all other controlled substances.

(1) There is no minimum size or weight requirement, but if the cabinet or safe weighs less than seven hundred fifty pounds, it must be secured to the floor or wall in such a way that it cannot be readily removed.

(2) Except as provided for in this paragraph, the cabinet or safe shall be placed in a designated drug storage area that is not accessible by the public. When it is necessary for employee maintenance personnel, nonemployee maintenance personnel, patients, business guests, or visitors to be present in or pass through areas containing the cabinet or safe, a veterinarian or veterinary technician shall provide for adequate observation of the area.

(3) The cabinet or safe shall remain locked and secured when not in use.

(4) 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.

(5) 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 if not being used by a veterinarian. All locks shall be kept in good working order with keys removed therefrom.

(6) When not staffed by personnel, 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.

(7) Only a veterinarian shall be able to access the safe or cabinet.

(J) When not staffed by personnel, hypodermics shall be stored in an area secured by a physical barrier with suitable locks, which may include a substantially constructed cabinet, locked room, or secured facility. During normal business hours, hypodermics shall not be stored in areas where members of the public are not supervised by individuals authorized to administer injections. Members of the public do not include volunteers of the animal shelter, **WARF**, or county dog warden.

(K) When not staffed by personnel, non-controlled dangerous drugs shall be stored in an area secured by a physical barrier with suitable locks, which may include a substantially constructed cabinet, locked room, or secured facility. During normal business hours, non-controlled dangerous drugs shall not be stored in areas where members of the public are not supervised by individuals authorized to administer such drugs. Members of the public do not include volunteers of the animal shelter, **WARF**, or county dog warden.

(L) In the event of a change of ownership of an animal, an employee or volunteer may transfer dangerous drugs that have been personally furnished by a veterinarian or dispensed by a pharmacy for direct administration to an animal to the animal's new owner or caregiver. The transfer of controlled substances shall be documented in accordance with paragraph (I) of rule [4729:5-15-03](#) of the Administrative Code.

(M) All records relating to the receipt, administration, distribution, personal furnishing, and sale of dangerous drugs shall be maintained under appropriate supervision and control to

restrict access by those who neither work for, or volunteer at, the animal shelter, **WARF**, or county dog warden.

(N) All areas where dangerous drugs and devices are stored shall be dry, well-lit, well-ventilated, and maintained in a clean and orderly condition. Storage areas shall be maintained at temperatures and conditions which will ensure the integrity of the drugs prior to use as stipulated by the USP/NF and/or the manufacturer's or distributor's labeling. Refrigerators and freezers used for the storage of drugs and devices shall comply with the following:

(1) Maintain either of the following to ensure proper refrigeration and/or freezer temperatures are maintained:

(a) Temperature logs with, at a minimum, daily observations; or

(b) A temperature monitoring system capable of detecting and alerting staff of a temperature excursion.

(2) The terminal distributor shall develop and implement policies and procedures to respond to any out of range individual temperature readings or excursions to ensure the integrity of stored drugs.

(3) The terminal distributor shall develop and implement a policy that no food or beverage products are permitted to be stored in refrigerators or freezers used to store drugs.

(O) Upon the initial puncture of a multiple-dose vial containing a drug, the vial shall be labeled with a date opened. Multiple-dose vials shall be examined prior to use for evidence of physical or chemical contamination. Vials that have any of the following characteristics shall be deemed adulterated:

(1) Contain particulate matter, precipitates, turbidity, or discoloration;

(2) Mislabeled; or

(3) Noticeable coring (damage to the rubber stopper).

(P) Adulterated drugs, including expired drugs, shall be stored in accordance with rule [4729:5-3-06](#) of the Administrative Code.

(Q) Disposal of controlled substances shall be conducted in accordance with rule [4729:5-3-01](#) of the Administrative Code.

(R) Disposal of non-controlled dangerous drugs shall be conducted in accordance with rule [4729:5-3-06](#) of the Administrative Code.

**Rule 4729:5-15-03 | Record keeping. (AMEND)**

(A) An animal shelter, **WARF**, or county dog warden shall keep a record of all dangerous drugs received, administered, personally furnished, disposed, sold, or transferred.

(B) Records of receipt shall contain the name, strength, dosage form, and quantity of the dangerous drugs received; the name and address of the seller; the name and address of the recipient; and the date of receipt. An invoice from a drug distributor licensed in accordance with division 4729:6 of the Administrative Code containing the required information may be used to meet this requirement.

(C) Records of temperature control monitoring described in paragraph (N) of rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code shall include any of the following:

(1) For temperature logs, either:

(a) The date and time of observation, the full name or the initials of the individual performing the check, and the temperature recorded; or

(b) For systems that provide automated temperature monitoring, maintain a report that provides, at a minimum, the date and time of observation and the temperature recorded.

(2) For temperature monitoring systems capable of detecting and alerting staff of a temperature excursion, maintain reports that provide information on any temperature excursion that includes the date, time, temperature recorded, and length of each excursion.

(D) Records of personally furnishing shall contain the name, strength, dosage form, and quantity of the dangerous drugs personally furnished; the name or identification of the animal; name and address of the animal's owner or caregiver if the owner or caregiver is not the animal shelter, **WARF, or county dog warden**; the date the drug is personally furnished; and, if applicable, the date the drug is received by the animal's owner or caregiver. A veterinarian shall be required to document the final association of a controlled substances dangerous drug with a patient using positive identification.

(E)

(1) Records of administration or use shall contain the name, strength, dosage form, and quantity of the dangerous drugs administered; the name or identification of the animal to

whom or for whose use the dangerous drugs were administered; and the date of administration. For controlled substance dangerous drugs, the administration record shall also include the positive identification of the person administering the drug.

(2) Records of dangerous drugs administered which become a permanent part of the patient's medical record shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(3) Orders for the administration of controlled substances shall be documented using positive identification. An order that is a permanent part of the patient's medical record shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this paragraph.

(4) Paragraph (E)(3) of this rule does not apply in any of the following instances:

(a) Administration of dangerous drugs authorized under Chapter 4729. of the Revised Code to perform euthanasia by means of lethal injection by a veterinarian, registered veterinary technician, or euthanasia technician;

(b) Administration of dangerous drugs pursuant to paragraph (E) of rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code; and

(c) Administration of approved drugs for chemical capture pursuant to rule [4729:5-15-05](#) of the Administrative Code.

(F) Records of disposal of dangerous drugs from inventory, other than controlled substances, shall contain the name, strength, dosage form, and quantity of the dangerous drug disposed; the date of disposal; the method of disposal; and the identification of the person that performed the disposal.

(G) Records of controlled substance drug disposal shall comply with the requirements of rule [4729:5-3-01](#) of the Administrative Code.

(1) If the disposal of controlled substance drug inventory, including drugs maintained in accordance with paragraph (E) of rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code, is performed on-site, records shall also include the positive identification of two persons conducting and witnessing the disposal, one of whom shall be the responsible person or a veterinarian, **county dog warden**, registered veterinary technician, or certified euthanasia technician.

(2) If conducting the disposal of an unused portion of a controlled substance resulting from administration to a patient or controlled substances maintained in accordance with paragraph (E) of rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code, records shall also include the positive identification of two persons conducting and witnessing the disposal, one of whom shall be the responsible person or a veterinarian, **county dog warden**, registered veterinary technician, or certified euthanasia technician.

(H) Records of transfer or sale conducted in accordance with chapter 4729. of the Revised Code and rule [4729:5-3-09](#) of the Administrative Code shall contain the name, strength, dosage form, ~~expiration date~~, and quantity of the dangerous drug transferred or sold; the address of the location where the drugs were transferred or sold; and the date of transfer or sale.

(I) Records of controlled substances transferred in accordance with paragraph (L) of rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code shall contain the name, strength, dosage form, and quantity of the dangerous drugs transferred; the name or identification of the animal; name and address of the animal's owner or caregiver if the owner or caregiver is not the animal shelter, **WARF, or county dog warden**; the positive identification of the **animal shelter** employee or volunteer transferring the drug; the date the drug is transferred; and the date the drug is received by the animal's owner or caregiver.

(J) Controlled substance inventory records shall be maintained in accordance with rule [4729:5-3-07](#) of the Administrative Code.

(K) In addition to the inventory requirements set forth in rule [4729:5-3-07](#) of the Administrative Code, the responsible person for an animal shelter, **WARF, or county dog warden** that maintains controlled substance dangerous drugs used to perform euthanasia listed in paragraph (B) of rule [4729:5-15-04](#) of the Administrative Code shall be responsible for completing a monthly inventory, in accordance with rule [4729:5-3-07](#) of the Administrative Code, of those drugs to deter and detect diversion.

(L) An animal shelter, **WARF**, or county dog warden licensed as a limited category II or limited category III terminal distributor of dangerous drugs may only possess dangerous drugs that are on the drug list submitted to the board pursuant to section [4729.54](#) of Revised Code and only at locations licensed by the state board of pharmacy. The responsible person may modify

the drugs that may be possessed and administered by the limited facility by submitting a new drug list to the state board of pharmacy in a manner determined by the board.

(M) All records maintained in accordance with this rule and rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code shall be readily retrievable and shall be kept on-site for a period of three years.

(1) A terminal distributor intending to maintain records at a location other than the location licensed by the state board of pharmacy must notify the board in a manner determined by the board.

(2) Any such alternate location shall be secured and accessible only to authorized representatives or contractors of the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs.

(N) All records maintained pursuant to this rule and rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code may be electronically created and maintained, provided that the system that creates and maintains the electronic record does so in accordance with the following:

(1) Complies with the requirements of this rule;

(2) All paper records shall be scanned in full color via technology designed to capture information in one form and reproduce it in an electronic medium presentable and usable to an end user;

(3) Contains security features, such as unique user names and passwords, to prevent unauthorized access; and

(4) Contains daily back-up functionality to protect against record loss.

**Rule 4729:5-15-04 | Drugs approved for euthanasia. (AMEND)**

(A) Pursuant to section [4729.532](#) of the Revised Code, except for a licensed veterinarian or registered veterinary technician, no agent or employee of an animal shelter, "**no agent or employee of a wild animal rehabilitation facility**", and no county dog warden or agent or employee of a county dog warden shall perform euthanasia by means of lethal injection on an animal by use of any substance other than a substance in a manufactured dosage form that the state veterinary medical licensing board has approved under chapter 4741. of the Administrative Code.

(B) Before euthanasia, a euthanasia technician may administer a solution of one or more of the following drugs exclusively for the purpose of inducing anesthesia, sedation, or unconsciousness prior to euthanasia:

- (1) Ketamine;
- (2) Tiletamine and zolazepam; and
- (3) Xylazine.

**Rule 4729:5-15-05 | Chemical capture classification. (AMEND)**

(A) Upon application of an animal shelter or county dog warden that holds a limited license issued under section [4729.531](#) of the Revised Code, the state board of pharmacy may grant a chemical capture classification to the limited license. The classification permits the holder to purchase, possess, and administer a combination of drugs for chemical capture. Unless otherwise approved by the board, no such classification shall authorize or permit the distribution of these drugs to any person other than the originating wholesale distributor of the drugs.

(1) To qualify for a chemical capture classification under this rule, an applicant shall appoint or employ a certified officer.

(2) An animal shelter or county dog warden shall comply with the initial licensure and renewal requirements set forth in rule [4729:5-2-02](#) of the Administrative Code. As part of this licensing process, the animal shelter or county dog warden shall provide a list of drugs, signed by the responsible person, that will be used for chemical capture.

(3) A certified officer may use any of the following drugs for use as part of the chemical capture process:

(a) Ketamine;

(b) Xylazine;

(c) Tiletamine and zolazepam;

(d) Yohimbine;

(e) Tolazoline; and

(f) Atipamezole.

(B) All areas where drugs and devices used for chemical capture are stored shall comply with the security and storage requirements of rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code and rule [4729:5-3-13](#) of the Administrative Code.

(C) All drugs used for chemical capture shall comply with the following:

(1) Record keeping requirements of rule [4729:5-15-03](#) of the Administrative Code; and

(2) Drug disposal requirements of rule [4729:5-15-02](#) of the Administrative Code.

(D) The animal shelter or dog warden shall develop and implement a drug dosing protocol for all drugs and equipment used in chemical capture.

(1) The protocol shall be reviewed and signed by a veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code.

(2) The protocol shall include the following: drug, dose, concentration, approved uses for drug delivery, approved equipment for use, circumstances for use, contraindications, any known common complications/side effects, and weight ranges with corresponding volume of drug to be administered.

(3) A documented review of the protocol shall be conducted by a veterinarian licensed under Chapter 4741. of the Revised Code at least once every five years.

(E) All equipment used in chemical capture shall:

(1) Be secured to prevent unauthorized access by individuals who are not certified officers;

(2) Maintained and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and the protocol established in accordance with paragraph (D) of this rule.

(3) Be disposed of in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

(F) An animal shelter or dog warden with a chemical capture classification shall develop and implement policies and procedures that incorporate the following based upon nationally recognized standards for chemical capture:

(1) Determining when chemical capture is appropriate. Such policies and procedures shall make all reasonable efforts to ensure animal safety, certified officer safety, and the safety of the public.

(2) The care of a companion animal immediately upon capture. Certified officers engaged in chemical capture must have a written animal handling and post capture protocol which includes:

(a) The procedure for removing the dart from a captured animal;

(b) First aid for the animal, with particular reference to the dart wound and potential emergencies (including: hyperthermia, hypothermia, shock, bloat, respiratory distress, and cardiac arrest); and

(c) Appropriate location and handling for the animal during recovery from the capture event.

(G) A terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a chemical capture classification shall maintain records for every certified officer that has completed training in accordance **with** section [4729.534](#) of the Revised Code. Such documentation shall be made readily retrievable and shall be maintained for one year from the date the certified officer is no longer employed by or affiliated with the terminal distributor of dangerous drugs.

**(H) A wild animal rehabilitation facility or WARF is not eligible for a terminal distributor of dangerous drugs with a chemical capture classification.**