

Update on PDMP from the WVMA – December 12, 2012

1. Follow the **Mandatory Reporting for All WI Licensed Veterinarians Effective Jan. 1** article previously provided from the WVMA for what, as a veterinarian, you should be doing on January 1!
2. The listing of required data for collection on the Dept. of Safety and Professional Services (DSPS) website includes more than what the law requires. Please follow the list provided by the WVMA.
3. DSPS **DOES NOT** currently have a reporting system in place. We have NO answers on when the reporting system will be up and running or what it will look like.
4. Veterinarians are subject to **90 DAY** reporting. Although this is not stated clearly on the DSPS website or during their first informational meeting, this is one of the band-aids the WVMA accomplished.
5. Secretary Ross of DSPS spoke to the Rock Valley VMA on Monday night. He refused to talk about this law, even though it goes into effect on January 1.
6. We have not had member meetings on this, because other than the article that was emailed and printed in the WVMA Voice newsletter, as DSPS hasn't given us any other information.
7. Only the drugs listed on the attached sheet are required to be collected and **ONLY** if they dispense the drugs. **NOT** if they are administering.
8. Read the required fields closely, some say "OR", that seems to create confusion.
9. YES, they have to collect the **CLIENT'S** birthdate. If client refuses to give it and wants a script, they will need to give their birthdate to the pharmacist/pharmacy to get the drug. Same rules for everyone!
10. This law impacts **EVERY** licensed veterinarian in Wisconsin, whether or not they dispense! If they do not dispense they **MUST** complete a waiver.

WVMA is seeking a **FULL EXEMPTION** on January 8, the first day the legislature is back in session. The bill is ready and we have both a senator and an assembly lead/sponsor for this bill.

The Small Business Regulatory Review Board unanimously agreed and sent a letter to the Capitol requesting a full exemption now.

We have also met with the Governor's Office to make sure he would sign the bill when we get it passed. We are doing everything in our power to have an exemption accomplished before the first reporting date for veterinarians.

However, veterinarians **MUST** collect data until we get that accomplished.

How can you help the WVMA get the exemption and fight other burdensome regulation?

1. Renew memberships or become a member so we have the financial resources to be able to fight over regulation, such as this. Attorney/legislative counsel does not come cheap and what they are doing for you is worth their weight in gold! Everyone needs to be a member! (Membership applications are available for download on the WVMA website www.wvma.org!)
2. Be ready to contact YOUR legislators when the WVMA asks! Don't ignore the email, it is critical YOU participate! When the bill is moving and legislators need to vote on it, they want to hear from YOU, their constituents! Grassroots efforts make all the difference!
3. Contribute to the WVMA VetMed PAC. \$25 from everyone would make a big impact! Look for the PAC icon on the WVMA homepage at www.wvma.org!

Looking at the number of issues/bills being introduced to the legislature this upcoming session is alarming! We are going to be very, very busy!

We also continue to find ways to focus DSPS's attention and action on unlicensed practice.

Questions? Contact the WVMA office at 608-257-3665 or email wvma@wvma.org! We want to hear from you!