



TIP Sheet: Reporting Animal Prescriptions to the MPDR

Montana Prescription Drug Registry (MPDR) recommendations for submitting animal prescriptions to the PMP Clearinghouse

Animal prescriptions reported to the Montana Prescription Drug Registry (MPDR) are more useful when reported in a consistent manner. Using the below guide will help with MPDR data integrity. Information about the American Society for Automation in Pharmacy (ASAP) 4.2A fields are included to assist pharmacy vendors with submitting the information correctly to the PMP Clearinghouse.

**Please note: these are only recommendations and not regulations, some facilities may already have policies on dispensing animal prescriptions.*

- Submit prescription information to the MPDR Clearinghouse with the owner as the patient by using the owner's first and last name and date of birth.
 - This allows prescribers and pharmacists to know if a patient has access to controlled substances, even if prescribed for their pet.
 - If the owner is unknown (shelter animal) or there are multiple owners, use the information of the person picking up the medication.
 - Using a fictitious birthdate for an animal may result in a prescription submission error, for example, 1/1/1900.
 - Patient's first and last name and date of birth are ASAP fields PAT07, PAT08, and PAT18.
- Ensure the prescription is marked as an animal prescription in your pharmacy software. This will send the correct species code to the MPDR Clearinghouse.
 - This identifies the prescription as animal and not belonging to the owner if using the owner's information in the patient fields. An animal icon will appear next to the medication in the patient medication report.
 - This also allows the submission of the animal's name.
 - Species code is submitted in ASAP field PAT20 with 01 for Human or 02 for Veterinary Patient.
- There are additional fields to include the animal's name. Using special characters such as (K9) or *Pet in any name field will make it difficult to review the patient medication history in the MPDR.
 - Pet name is ASAP field PAT23 which is available and required once using species code of 02 for Veterinary Patient.
 - If the animal's name is submitted instead of owner's name, please repeat the animal's name in ASAP field PAT23, otherwise the prescription will error.

Resources:

Bamboo Technical Support 1-833-307-0309 or online at [Zen Help Desk](#)

[MPDR Data Submission Guide for Dispensers](#)

MPDR Homepage – www.mpdr.mt.gov