

Reporting Veterinary Prescriptions FAQ's

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1. Which owner/client should the prescription be reported under when the animal has multiple owners and the prescription is dispensed by a pharmacy?

- A. If the animal has multiple owners, the dispenser should report the prescription to the MN PMP under only one of the owners, by using the client's name, DOB, and gender as provided to the veterinarian.

2. What is the guidance for when an animal does not have a name?

- A. If an animal's name is truly unknown, then "Unknown" should be entered in the Name of Animal field (e.g. police officer locates an injured animal and brings to veterinary emergency room, upon which the animal is discharged with a controlled substance medication).

3. What is the guidance for when the animal does not have an owner? What is the owner's date of birth and address in this instance?

- A. If an animal is discharged from an inpatient facility and the owner is unknown, then the rescue director or animal control officer is considered the owner of the animal. The date of birth and gender of the rescue director or animal control officer should be utilized if the animal is discharged with controlled substance medications when reporting to the MN PMP. The address of the rescue organization or animal control should be utilized when reporting address to the MN PMP.

4. What happens if the owner changes the animal's name?

- A. If the owner changes the animal's name, then this will be reflected when a new prescription is reported to the PMP. By associating an animal's prescription with its owner, insight may be gained if a client is changing the animal's name in an attempt to mislead veterinarians or mix the animal's controlled substance prescriptions with their own.

5. How are changes of ownership reflected in the PMP (i.e. a change in marital status or sale of animal)?

- A. If an animal's owner changes, then this will be reflected with a new owner's name when a prescription is issued and reported to the PMP under new ownership.

6. Does the animal's date of birth need to be reported to the PMP?

- A. With the association of the animal's prescription to the client or owner, the animal's DOB is no longer a required field when reporting to the MN PMP. Rather, the client's DOB should be reported in PAT18, Date of Birth.