

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Agriculture and Forestry Board of Veterinary Medicine

Zoo Personnel (LAC 46:LXXXV.Chapter 13)

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq. and the 2022 Louisiana Administrative Code Review, the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine (“Board”) has conducted a comprehensive review of Chapter 13 and intends to notify the public with the repromulgation of the sections below as is. The historical notes shall be updated to reflect this Chapter 13 rule review.

Title 46 PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL STANDARDS Part LXXXV. Veterinarians

Chapter 13. Zoo Personnel

§1300. Definitions

Chemical Restraint Drugs—legend or scheduled (controlled) drugs used in the capture and/or restraint of dangerous animals.

Dangerous Animal—a zoo animal which poses a threat or risk of harm to a human being, to itself, to another animal, to zoo property, or to private property.

Licensed Veterinarian or *Veterinarian*—a veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state of Louisiana as provided in R.S. 37:1513(6).

Storage and Use Plan—a written protocol stating the storage, inventory, and record keeping requirements for the use of chemical restraint drugs used in the capture of dangerous animals.

Trained Layperson—an employee of a zoo who has been trained by a licensed veterinarian according to the requirements of §1303 of this Chapter.

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Health and Hospitals, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 19:1429 (November 1993), repromulgated by the Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Board of Veterinary Medicine, LR 50:

§1301. Administration of Chemical Restraint Drugs

A. A trained layperson may administer chemical restraint drugs to a dangerous animal when said animal has escaped from its usual area of confinement in a zoo.

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§1303. Training Requirements for Zoo Personnel

A. Laypersons who are employed by a zoo and who will administer chemical restraint drugs must be trained by a veterinarian.

B. Trained by a veterinarian means:

1. that the veterinarian has provided the employee with:

a. a list of each species of animal which may require capture by the use of chemical restraint drugs;

b. the specific drug to be used on a particular species; and

c. the specific amount, listed in cc's, of said drug for each species with an appropriate dosage range to account for the varying weights for the particular animal which necessitates capture by chemical restraint drugs;

2. that the veterinarian has demonstrated to the employee the safe and proper use of capture equipment.

C. A certificate offering proof of training for each employee shall be filed with the board by the licensed veterinarian.

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§1305. Protocols and Plans

A. An escape and capture protocol to be used by the veterinarian in the training of zoo employees shall be submitted to the board for approval.

B. A storage and use plan for capture drugs which meets or exceeds the requirements of all federal drug enforcement agencies and the standards for record keeping found in Chapter 7 of these rules shall be submitted to the board for the board's approval.

1. Use plans shall include a requirement that each use of a controlled substance shall be documented for review by the licensed veterinarian responsible for the purchase and inventory of that drug.

2. Review of each use shall be indicated on the usage log by providing a place for the responsible veterinarian to enter his or her initials.

C. An inventory protocol for all capture drugs which meets or exceeds the requirements of all federal drug enforcement agencies and the standards for prescribing and dispensing drugs found in Chapter 7 of these rules shall be submitted to the board for the board's approval.

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§1307. Penalties

A. Failure of a licensed veterinarian to comply with any or all provisions of this Chapter shall be considered a violation of the rules of professional conduct. Said veterinarian may be subject to disciplinary action as provided for in R.S. 37:1518 and 1526.

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