



MEMORANDUM

DATE	July 5, 2023
TO	Veterinary Medical Board (Board)
FROM	Jeffrey Olguin, Lead Administrative & Policy Analyst
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 15.D. Outreach

Information on Xylazine from the California Department of Public Health

In April, the Board distributed information from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to its licensees and stakeholders regarding the dangers of [Xylazine](#).

The public was made aware that the sedative xylazine is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for veterinary use, but it is not safe for use in humans, including common side effects, including depress breathing, blood pressure, heart rate, and body temperature to critical levels, and people who inject drugs containing xylazine can develop severe skin wounds and patches of dead and rotting tissue that easily become infected and, if left untreated, may lead to amputation.

Licensees were reminded of the drug recording requirements and that it is unlawful to divert xylazine for non-veterinary purposes and the consequences of improper prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing of dangerous drugs such as xylazine.

Enforcement Webinar: July 27, 2023

In June 2023, the Board distributed information to its licensees and stakeholders regarding the upcoming free enforcement webinar. Attendees will receive continuing education (CE) credit for participating in and completing the two hour webinar, which will cover the Board’s inspection process, provide examples of the most common violations and ways to correct them, and share tips on how to remain in compliance with current statutes and regulations.

2023 Environmental Scan

In June 2023, the Board announced it is in the beginning stage of developing its new strategic plan. The Board distributed information to its licensees, stakeholders, and staff regarding how they can participate and provide their perspective on how the Board can improve its processes. Participants were asked to identify strengths, challenges, and current trends for the future direction of the Board. DCA’s, SOLID Planning Solutions (SOLID) collected the information anonymously and will utilize the results to help

improve the Board's processes to meet the current demands of the veterinary profession.

Association Meetings

The Board's Executive Officer (EO) continues to hold monthly meetings with representatives from the California Registered Veterinary Technicians Association (CaRVTA) to provide updates, answer questions, and address any of their concerns.

The Board's President and EO virtually attended the California Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA) Board of Governors (BOG) meeting on Friday, June 9. During the meeting, the Board's President and EO provided program updates and an overview of items the Board will discuss at its July meeting.