

## WHAT IS THE VetPMP?

The VetPMP is a Veterinary Prescription Monitoring Program to help prevent the misuse and diversion of opioids within the veterinarian community. When veterinarians can closely monitor their prescriptions of controlled drugs, misuse and diversion are less likely to happen.

Many Minnesota veterinary professionals are aware that they have been the victims of individuals seeking controlled drugs. The VetPMP can help prevent this. Use of the VetPMP is encouraged and approved by the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association.

As a pet owner, you can do your part by microchipping your pet. This preventative step will allow veterinarians to use the VetPMP to protect your community from the misuse of controlled drugs.



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For more information speak to your veterinarian.

### ***Looking to dispose of unused controlled substances?***

Do not flush unused or expired prescriptions down the toilet or drain. Instead, contact your local police department for alternative options.

# PREVENT TO PROTECT

Register your pet for  
the VetPMP and help  
prevent opioid misuse in  
Minnesota.



**Veterinary Prescription  
Monitoring Program**

## WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION IS STORED IN THE VetPMP?

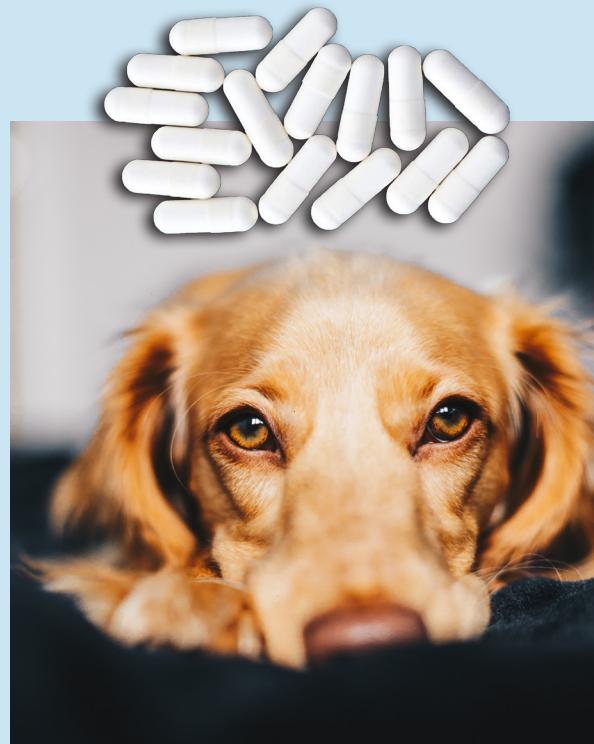


The Vetpmp contains no client information, it does contain basic pet information including:

- Microchip number
- Pet's name
- Species
- Breed
- Birthdate
- Sex
- Controlled drug prescription list

## HOW IS MY PET IDENTIFIED?

Pets are identified by a microchip number. A microchip is a medical device about the size of a grain of rice that is injected under the skin similar to a vaccine. Each microchip is encoded with a unique ID number that identifies your pet and can also help reunite your pet if it is lost or stolen. A microchip is not a tracking device so it is important that it is registered and the information is kept up to date in case your pet ever becomes lost. Most veterinarians and shelters have handheld microchip scanners that are passed over a pet to read the microchip's unique ID number.



## WHO CAN VIEW MY PET'S INFORMATION IN THE VetPMP?

The VetPMP is a secure database. Only licensed veterinarians and certified veterinary technicians are able to access the VetPMP database. To look up a pet's controlled drug history they must have the pet's microchip number.

## WHAT TYPE OF PRESCRIPTIONS ARE ENTERED INTO THE VetPMP?

Only controlled drug prescriptions are entered into the VetPMP, this includes both written prescriptions and dispensed prescriptions.

## WHY AM I BEING ASKED TO SIGN A RELEASE?

The VetPMP wants to be transparent with what information is being used and how. The release is designed to inform you of the information that will be in the VetPMP.

