

NC Controlled Substances Reporting System (CSRS) Reporting Gabapentin Dispensations FAQ for Animal Shelters, Animal Rescues, and Unowned Animals

This Frequently Asked Questions document has been created to address the implementation of required Gabapentin reporting to the NC CSRS in accordance with [§ 90-113.73](#).

1. When does this law go into effect?

- For the veterinarian community, this law went into effect on March 1, 2025. For other health care sectors, the law went into effect, on March 1, 2024.

2. Do I have to report direct administrations of Gabapentin to shelter animals?

- No, direct administrations of Gabapentin do not have to be reported to the NC CSRS.

3. Do all Gabapentin dispensations require reporting to the NC Controlled Substance Reporting System (NC CSRS)?

- All Gabapentin dispensations, in all dosages and forms, require reporting to the NC CSRS, except when it is:
 - i. being dispensed in a 48-hour supply or less; or
 - ii. a compounded prescription and the Gabapentin component is 100mg or less.

4. I’m not sure what to report in the Pet Owner fields for shelter or rescue animals, foster animals or unowned animals?

- If an animal’s owner is unknown, the shelter or rescue director, foster, or animal control officer is considered the owner of the animal. The date of birth and gender of the director, foster, or animal control officer should be utilized if the animal is discharged with controlled substance medications when reporting to the NC PDMP. The address of the rescue organization, foster, or animal control should be utilized when reporting address to the NC PDMP.

Element ID	Element Name	Guidance for Veterinary Prescription
PAT07	Last Name	Pet Owner’s last name (human)
PAT08	First Name	Pet Owner’s first name (human)
PAT12- PAT16	Address	Pet Owner’s Address (human)
PAT18	Date of Birth (DOB)	Pet Owner’s date of birth (human)
PAT19	Gender Code • F Female • M Male • U Nonbinary, other, or unknown	Pet Owner’s gender (human)
PAT20	Species Code • 01 Human • 02 Veterinary Patient	Enter “02” for Veterinary Patient
PAT23	Name of Animal	Animal’s name If you do not have the name of the animal, you may put “Unknown” in this field

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5. If the animal leaves the shelter and is discharged with Gabapentin, does it need to be reported to the NC CSRS?

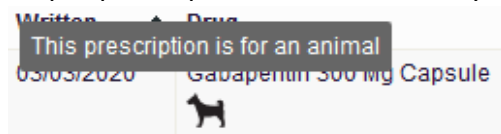
- Yes, if an animal leaves the shelter for any reason (transferring rescues or shelters, going to a foster home, being adopted, or for any additional reasons) if a Gabapentin dispensation is given for more than a 48-hour supply it must be reported to the NC CSRS.

6. If an animal shelter stocks Gabapentin and other prescription medications on site, do they need to report dispensations send home with adopted or transferred animals?

- Yes, all animal Gabapentin and controlled substance dispensations require a valid prescription from a NC licensed Veterinarian and must be reported to the NC CSRS if dispensed in more than a 48-hour supply.

7. Are pet prescriptions included in the reported owner's (shelter or rescue director, foster, or animal control officer) NC CSRS patient report?

- All pet prescriptions are indicated by a pet icon in a patient's report.



8. Are pet Gabapentin prescriptions included in NarxCare or morphine milligram equivalency (MME) calculations on search reports?

- Pet prescriptions are excluded from NarxCare, overdose risk scores, and MME calculations on patient search reports. Pet prescriptions are also excluded from the Clinical Alerts feature for prescribers and dispensers.

If you have any additional questions regarding reporting veterinary controlled substances or Gabapentin in North Carolina please see our [NC DHHS CSRS Webpage](#) or contact us at nccsrs@dhhs.nc.gov .