Ward Animal Hospital

Use of Pharmaceuticals for Wildlife

Pharmaceuticals commonly used in wildlife programs include anesthetic agents, antibiotics, vaccines, contraceptives, and anti-parasitic drugs. Many wildlife species cannot be safely restrained or handled without the use of pharmaceuticals.

Most pharmaceuticals used in wildlife are federally regulated to help safeguard human and animal health. Ward Animal Hospital veterinary staff possesses adequate knowledge and experience in the use or pharmaceuticals for wildlife to assure human safety and to provide an adequate standard for professional care. The continued use of pharmaceuticals for wildlife is jeopardized if federal regulations or the public trust are violated.

Extra – label (or off-label) use of drugs refers to the administration of an approved drug in a manner not in accordance with label directions. Extra-label use of drugs for wildlife is often required because the drugs are not licensed specifically for use in these species. Also, many of the drugs used for field anesthesia are controlled substances whose use is restricted by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

You are advised that the drugs prescribed are not approved for use in this species and are being used extra-label and are for use in this herd only. The use of some of these drugs renders the treated animals not usable for human consumption due to unknown withdrawal period. The extra-label use of these drugs could cause harm to the animal. It is the responsibility of the undersigned ranch/herd owner and his/her employees to maintain accurate records of drug and other pharmaceuticals use on an individual and herd basis to ensure (identify) that treated animals are kept from human consumption. I understand that failure to comply with these guidelines is a violation of federal law with possible repercussions to the owner. Failure to comply will result in no further association with the veterinarians at this clinic.

_____Signature (Ranch/Herd Owner)

_____Date

Owner Name_____

Owner Address_____

Owner Phone_____

Ranch/Facility Name_____Scientific Breeder
Permit #_____

Ranch Manager_____Phone_____