

# AGENCY PROFILE

*What veterinary practices need to know about regulatory agencies.*

<p><b>Agency Name</b></p>	<p><b>Federal Drug Enforcement Agency</b></p>
<p><b>Logo</b></p>	
<p><b>General Info/ Agency Mission</b></p>	<p>The mission of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States and bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States, or any other competent jurisdiction, those organizations and principal members of organizations, involved in the growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illicit traffic in the United States; and to recommend and support non-enforcement programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit controlled substances on the domestic and international markets.</p> <p>In carrying out its mission as the agency responsible for enforcing the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States, the DEA's primary responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigation and preparation for the prosecution of major violators of controlled substance laws operating at interstate and international levels.</li> <li>• Investigation and preparation for prosecution of criminals and drug gangs who perpetrate violence in our communities and terrorize citizens through fear and intimidation.</li> <li>• Management of a national drug intelligence program in cooperation with federal, state, local, and foreign officials to collect, analyze, and disseminate strategic and operational drug intelligence information.</li> <li>• Seizure and forfeiture of assets derived from, traceable to, or intended to be used for illicit drug trafficking.</li> <li>• Enforcement of the provisions of the Controlled Substances Act as they pertain to the manufacture, distribution, and dispensing of legally produced controlled substances.</li> <li>• Coordination and cooperation with federal, state and local law enforcement officials on mutual drug enforcement efforts and enhancement of such efforts through exploitation of potential interstate and international investigations beyond local or limited federal jurisdictions and resources.</li> <li>• Coordination and cooperation with federal, state, and local agencies, and with foreign governments, in programs designed to reduce the availability of illicit</li> </ul>

	<p>abuse-type drugs on the United States market through non-enforcement methods such as crop eradication, crop substitution, and training of foreign officials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsibility, under the policy guidance of the Secretary of State and U.S. Ambassadors, for all programs associated with drug law enforcement counterparts in foreign countries.</li> <li>• Liaison with the United Nations, Interpol, and other organizations on matters relating to international drug control programs</li> </ul>
<p><b>Legal Authority</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Federal Controlled Substances Act:</a> Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Sections 1300-1399</li> </ul>
<p><b>What it means to you</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">DEA Registration:</a> Any veterinarian who wishes to obtain controlled substances must register as a practitioner with the DEA. Registration fees recur on a three year cycle and cost approximately \$21.00 per month. Each practitioner should obtain his or her own DEA registration number in order to be able to prescribe controlled substances to patients. Registration subjects the practitioner to the regulations listed above. The DEA has the authority to inspect a premise without notice and without giving a reason.</li> <li>• Security: Controlled substances must be stored in a substantially constructed, securely locked cabinet.</li> <li>• Records: A <a href="#">controlled substance log</a> as well as a biennial inventory sheet must be stored either in paper form (in a binder) and kept with the controlled substances in the locked cabinet, or in electronic form which enables quick on-the-spot production of dispensations logs. If paper logs are being utilized, all schedule II controlled substance dispensation logs must be stored in a separate section in the binder (through use of a binder divider tab) or in a separate binder altogether.</li> <li>• Prescriptions: Valid controlled substance prescription requirements include specific information and must be signed and dated by the registrant. All schedule II prescriptions may not authorize refills and must be transmitted in written form. The California Department of Justice (a separate entity) requires that controlled substance prescription pads meet <a href="#">certain criteria</a> and only be printed by an <a href="#">approved printer</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Disposal:</a> Unwanted, expired or adulterated controlled substances may be disposed of through a <a href="#">DEA-approved reverse distributor</a>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Contact/ More Information</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">DEA Website</a></li> <li>• Office of Diversion Control 8701 Morrissette Drive Springfield, VA 22152 1-800-882-9539</li> <li>• <a href="#">Regional Offices</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">DEA Practitioners Manual</a></li> </ul>