



Colorado Veterinary  
Medical Association

**Please support HB16-1324**  
**Protect animal health through veterinary access to compounded drugs**

**Issue**

- Veterinarians increasingly find themselves in situations where treating a sick or injured animal involves a compounded drug that is not readily available from a registered prescription drug outlet.
- These compounded drugs must be obtained from specialized registered prescription drug outlets that combine, mix, or otherwise alter pharmaceutical agents for the treatment of animals.
- Veterinarians work in a wide variety of settings that are often distant from these specialized registered prescription drug outlets, and animal patients' lives are in jeopardy because of the delay in acquiring the compounded substances.
- Under current Colorado law, a veterinarian cannot maintain an office stock of compounded drugs, which could be essential for the treatment of an animal patient.

**Solution**

Amend the Pharmacy Practice Act to:

- Permit a resident or nonresident compounding pharmacy to provide a drug to a veterinarian without a patient-specific prescription, for office use or for office stock
- Permit the veterinarian, if a patient has an emergency condition, to dispense the compounded drug in an amount not to exceed five (5) days' worth of doses

Leo J. Boyle, CVMA Lobbyist | 303.777.5469