

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation

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To:All Law Enforcement OfficersSubject:K9 Training Aid Destruction

The OSBI laboratory has been involved with K9 training aids (aka "dog drugs") for several years. Recently, the dispenser of these drugs changed from the OSBI Laboratory to the DEA Laboratory.

While the DEA Laboratory is the current dispenser of dog drugs, they do not accept dog drugs for destruction. The OSBI Laboratory assists Oklahoma law enforcement officers with the destruction of these training aids.

Officers currently have two options to return used dog drugs:

Option #1: The K9 handler returns the dog drugs to their agency property officer.

The property officer signs the <u>DEA 41 Form</u> (indicating the issued dog drugs are returned by the K9 handler) and the <u>OSBI Destruction Form</u>. The dog drugs are submitted for destruction to any OSBI Laboratory or Evidence Receiving Facility. With this option, it is up to the agency to decide whether or not to verify the weights of the drugs being returned.

Option #2: The K9 handler returns the dog drugs directly to the OSBI Laboratory.

Dog drugs returned to the OSBI Laboratory must be returned to the Forensic Science Center (FSC) in Edmond or to the Northeast Regional Laboratory (NERL) in Tahlequah. It is recommended officers an appointment - Elizabeth Smith (FSC) 405-715-9510 or Chris Boydstun (NERL) 918-456-0653.

Weights will be verified at the laboratory and the DEA 41 Form will be mailed to the K9 handler at a later date.

The OSBI laboratory remains committed to the support of law enforcement agencies throughout Oklahoma. Any questions concerning the return of dog drugs can be directed to Elizabeth Smith at 405-715-9510 or email (elizabeth.smith@osbi.ok.gov) or Chris Boydstun at 918-456-0653 or email (chris.boydstun@osbi.ok.gov). This information will be posted to the OSBI website (https://osbi.ok.gov/) for future reference.

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