

**POLICY STATEMENT**  
**TENNESSEE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**USE OF PRE-EUTHANASIA DRUGS IN  
CERTIFIED ANIMAL CONTROL AGENCIES**

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Under Rule 1730-04-.13 of the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners, a licensed veterinarian on staff with a Certified Animal Control Agency (C.A.C.A.) may utilize ketamine or other pre-euthanasia drugs as the veterinarian finds necessary, and may direct a certified animal euthanasia technician or other employee to use such drugs for specific animals while the veterinarian is on the premises.

A certified animal euthanasia technician working for a C.A.C.A. that does not have a licensed veterinarian on staff may only utilize the pre-euthanasia drugs of acepromazine and xylazine.

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