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To:All Law Enforcement OfficersSubject:K9 Training Aid Destruction

The OSBI laboratory has been involved with K9 training aids, otherwise known as dog drugs, for several years. In recent years, the dispenser of these dog drugs has changed from the OSBI laboratory to the DEA laboratory. This change has led to confusion, for both the OSBI laboratory and law enforcement officers, on how to return and destroy used dog drugs. While the DEA laboratory is the current dispenser of dog drugs, they do not accept the dog drugs when they are ready to be returned and destroyed. To help in this area, the OSBI laboratory has continued to assist Oklahoma law enforcement officers with the destruction of these training aids. Officers currently have two options to return used dog drugs:

Option #1 is for the K9 handler to return the dog drugs to their agency property officer. The property officer should sign the DEA 41 (form indicating the issued dog drugs have been returned by the K9 handler). The link to the DEA 41 form is as follows:

https://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/21cfr reports/surrend/41 form.pdf

The agency property officer can then fill out the OSBI Evidence Destruction Form, which can be found at the following location:

https://osbi.ok.gov/forensic-services/forensic-services-forms

The officer can then submit the dog drugs for destruction to any OSBI laboratory. 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 is for the K9 handler to return the dog drugs directly to the OSBI laboratory. Dog drugs returned directly to the OSBI laboratory will need to be returned at the FSC Laboratory located in Edmond. It is recommended officers schedule an appointment with Elizabeth Smith, who can be reached at 405-715-9510. Dog drug weights will be verified by 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, either by phone (405-715-9510) or email

(<u>elizabeth.smith@osbi.ok.gov</u>). This information will be posted to the OSBI website (<u>https://osbi.ok.gov/</u>) for future reference.

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