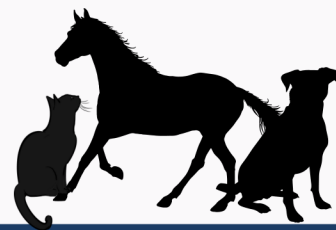


XYLAZINE

What You Need to Know



Xylazine, also referred to as “tranq,” is a type of tranquilizer and painkiller used for animals by veterinarians and is not meant for human use.^{1,2}



Xylazine is frequently mixed with other drugs such as fentanyl, cocaine, and heroin, which can lead to unintentional use.¹

Xylazine can significantly slow down a person's bodily functions, causing reduced heart rate, slowed breathing, and even coma.¹ The effects can begin within minutes and last for hours.³



Injecting xylazine can cause painful skin sores, often on the arms and legs. These sores do *not* generally develop at injection sites.^{2,4} Sores usually start as small non-wound dark spots with a purple or red border because of reduced blood flow to the skin.^{2,4} Regular use can lead to serious necrotic infections like abscesses, ulcers, and blackened, rotting skin.^{2,4}



People who use xylazine can develop dependency and addiction.¹ Withdrawal symptoms include extreme anxiety,³ irregular heartbeat, panic attacks, and hallucinations.³

Xylazine is linked to thousands of overdoses.¹ There is currently no way to reverse the effects of xylazine.¹ In the event of an overdose, call 911 and administer naloxone, in case any opioid was mixed with the xylazine.



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