



FACA Policy Statement

Chemical Immobilization

The use of a tranquilizer gun or a blowpipe for chemical immobilization requires proper training. Inappropriate use of the tranquilizer gun and dependence on its use should be avoided.

Animal control and protection personnel who use chemical immobilization equipment must successfully complete a minimum 16 hour certification course prior to using such equipment, as mandated by FL Statutes, Chapter 828.27. For these reasons, the Florida Animal Control Association recommends that tranquilizer equipment be used only after the person has received the proper training, and then only as a last resort when other methods of capture have failed.

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