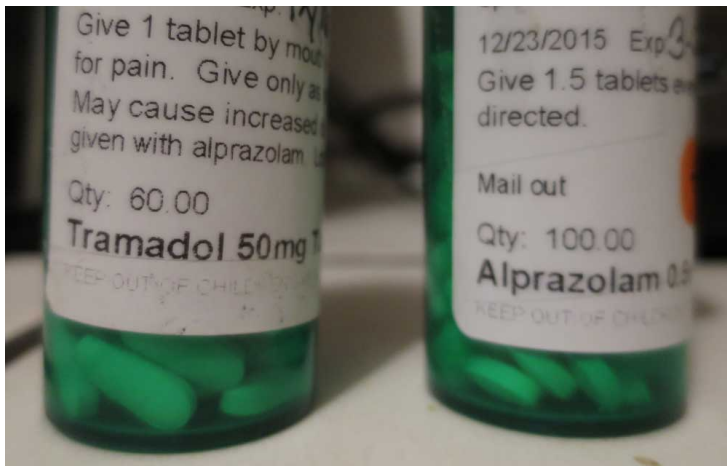


## Pro Cyclists toolkit sitting on the kitchen table



Who knew? Tramadol is all the rage in pro cycling; a pain killer that basically "shuts up the legs" (as Jens would say) and allows you to ignore pain. Cyclists have been (ab)using this stuff for years, yet it is not banned because it does have some legit use as a painkiller. The question is, if you're that bad off, should you really be on your bike?

What's amusing is that, when cyclists get caught with performance-enhancing drugs, they often claim it's not for them, it's for their dog (or some relative, maybe grandma). In this case, these drugs actually are for our dog. Tramadol for some pain he's got in his hind legs, and Xanax for his anxiety.

Haven't found the bill yet for the dog's sessions with his analyst (are "shrinks" still called analysts?).