



Hale Veterinary Clinic

DENTISTRY & ORAL SURGERY FOR PETS

Pre Visit Pharmaceuticals (PVP's)

As part of our ongoing effort to make every patient's visit as safe and stress-free as possible, we request that all patients receive an appropriate dose of the following medications, unless there is a medical contraindication. **If these medications are not administered, this may increase the risk of your pet undergoing general anesthesia.**

Trazodone – a serotonin antagonist/reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) that has sedative properties in dogs and cats.

Gabapentin – an anti-convulsant medication that has sedative properties in dogs and cats.

In both dogs and cats, the use of trazodone and/or gabapentin has been shown to reduce the amount of anesthetic drugs required to maintain general anesthesia, making the procedure safer. It has also been demonstrated to reduce stress and anxiety caused by a visit to the vet.

We recommend that dogs receive trazodone prior to their visit, with the addition of gabapentin should they be anxious or stressed by visits to the vet.

We recommend that cats receive gabapentin prior to their visit, though in cats that seem more "resistant" to gabapentin, trazodone may be used as an alternative.

Maropitant (Cerenia) – a neurokinin-1 antagonist, works on the brain to reduce nausea. This drug will help prevent nausea from general anesthesia, motion sickness and other medications we may be giving them after surgery. It can aid in getting pets back to eating post-operatively.

Please give the appropriate dose of Cerenia, Trazodone and/or Gabapentin the night before surgery and then give Trazodone +/- Gabapentin three hours before getting into the car to come see us.

These requests mean that:

- The primary care veterinarian will need to determine the appropriate doses of each medication for each pet based on their knowledge of the pet's weight, body condition, personality, and if they suffer from motion sickness.
- The primary care veterinarian will need to dispense these medications and provide owners with appropriate instructions on how and when to administer the medications based on the patient's appointment time.
- The primary care veterinarian will need to send us a note (info@haleveterinaryclinic.ca) letting us know what has been dispensed (drugs, doses and instructions).
- The owners will need to give the medications as instructed and inform us upon their arrival that they have done so.

We feel these requirements will go a long way to making your pet's/patient's visit easier on them, both mentally and physically, and make it a much more pleasant experience for everyone.

If you have any questions, please call. Thank you very much for your continued support.

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