Canine Quick Dosage Sheet

Canine Oral Pain Medications*			
MEDICATION	DOSE		
NSAID	See manufacturer's recommendations		
Gabapentin	≥ 5-10 mg/kg q8h (Increase dose by 5 mg/kg every 3-7 days depending on patient response)		
Amantadine	3-5mg/kg q24h		
Acetaminophen w/Codeine (eg, 30 mg codeine + 150 mg acetaminophen per tablet)	Dose based on codeine (1-2 mg/kg q8-12 hrs) but limited by acetaminophen (not to exceed 10-15 mg/kg q8-12hrs) Example: 1-2 tablets listed at left per 30 kg dog q8-12hrs		

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Canine Infusion Medication ¹ For each 250 ml bag of balanced electrolyte solution, administer at 1 ml/kg/hr and add:					
MEDICATION	MLS OF DRUG TO ADD (Concentration of Drug)	DOSE OF INFUSION THAT WILL BE DELIVERED			
Lidocaine	18 ml (20 mg/ml)	1.5 mg/kg/hr (25 micg/kg/min)			
Ketamine	0.3 ml (100 mg/ml)	0.12 mg/kg/hr (2 micg/kg/min)			
Plus use of ONE of the following Opioids:					
Morphine	2 ml (15 mg/ml)	0.12 mg/kg/hr			
Fentanyl	25 ml (0.05 mg/ml)	0.005 mg/kg/hr			
Hydromorphone	2.5 ml (2 mg/ml)	0.02 mg/kg/hr			
Methadone	3 ml (10 mg/ml)	0.12 mg/kg/hr			
Can also add:					
Dexmedetomidine	0.5 ml (0.5 mg/ml)	0.001 mg/kg/hr			

¹ These are average dosages and can be increased or decreased depending on patient response.

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Feline Quick Dosage Sheet

Feline Oral Pain Medications*				
MEDICATION	DOSE			
NSAID	See manufacturer's recommendations			
Buprenorphine	0.03-0.05 mg/kg BID-QID oral transmucosal (OTM)			
Gabapentin	\geq 5-10 mg/kg q8h PO (Increase dose by 5 mg/kg every 3-7 days depending on patient response)			
Amantadine	3-5 mg/kg q24h PO			
Tramadol	3-5 mg/kg q8h PO			
Alternative to oral medication for intermediate duration pain:				
Simbadol® (long duration buprenorphine)	0.24 mg/kg SID SQ			



Feline Infusion Medication ¹ For each 250 ml bag of balanced electrolyte solution, administer at 1 ml/kg/hr and add:				
MEDICATION	MLS OF DRUG TO ADD (Concentration of Drug)	DOSE OF INFUSION THAT WILL BE DELIVERED		
Ketamine	0.3 ml (100 mg/ml)	0.12 mg/kg/hr (2 micg/kg/min)		
Plus use of ONE of the following Opioids:				
Morphine	0.5 ml (15 mg/ml)	0.03 mg/kg/hr		
Fentanyl	25 ml (0.05 mg/ml)	0.005 mg/kg/hr		
Hydromorphone	1.25 ml (2 mg/ml)	0.01 mg/kg/hr		
Methadone	3 ml (10 mg/ml)	0.12 mg/kg/hr		

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