



# HALE VETERINARY CLINIC

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## Note to Referring Veterinarians and Pet Owners

As part of our on-going effort to make every patient's visits as stress-free as we can manage and to minimize their post-operative discomfort, we are instituting the following policies.

Unless there is a medical contra-indication, we request that all patients receive an appropriate dose of

**Gabapentin** (at least) +/- **Trazodone** - These drugs will calm/relax the pet so that it is less bothered by the stress of the car ride and by visiting a new-to-them facility full of new-to-them people.

**Cerenia** - This drug will help prevent nausea from motion sickness and medications we may be giving and can aide in getting pets back to eating post-operatively.

Please give the appropriate doses of **Cerenia and Gabapentin +/- Trazodone** the night before surgery and then give **Gabapentin +/- Trazodone** 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 and whether they feel gabapentin and Cerenia® will be enough (based on their knowledge of the pet's personality and if they have any motion sickness) or if trazodone should also be included. (note that animals prone to motion sickness should get a higher dose of Cerenia than animals not prone to motion sickness so be sure to discuss this to determine the correct dose for each pet).

-the primary care veterinarian will need to dispense these medications to the owners and provide them with appropriate instructions on how and when to administer the medications based on your appointment time.

-the primary care veterinarian will need to send us a note ([info@toothvet.ca](mailto:info@toothvet.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 and everyone in their lives.

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

Sincerely,

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