

Resources for Managing Aggressive Animals

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Books and DVDs:

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Low Stress Handling, Restraint and Behavior Modification of Dogs and Cats: Techniques for Developing Patients Who Love Their Visits

Creating the Pet-Friendly Hospital, Animal Shelter, or Petcare Business

Towel Wrap Techniques for Handling Cats with Skill and Ease

Handling, Moving and Restraining Dogs in Stressful Environments. Part 1: A Workshop on Essential Exercises with Special Techniques for Medium and Large Dogs

Devices:

Head halters:

Gentle Leader

Snoot Loop, Halti, Comfort Trainer (additional straps, great for brachycephalics or dogs that do not tolerate nose pressure well)

Canny Collar – pressure primarily on back of head. Again, great for dogs that cannot tolerate the mild, but slightly stronger nose pressure

Harnesses:

Easy Walk, Sensation, Freedom, Walk n' Sync

Basket Muzzles:

Italian, Baskerville, Tuffie/Softie

Medications: sedation for vet visits

Medication	Route	Dog dose	Cat dose
Acepromazine	PO	0.5-2.0 mg/kg q8h	1.0-2.0mg/kg PRN
	TM, IM, IV	0.01-0.05 mg/kg	0.01-0.05 mg/kg
Trazodone	PO	3-7 mg/kg q12hr	50 mg/CAT PRN
Alprazolam	PO	0.02-0.1 mg/kg q4-6hr	0.0125-0.25 mg/kg q8 hr
Diazepam	PO	0.5-2.0 mg/kg q4	
	TM, IV	0.25-0.5 mg/kg	0.25-0.5 mg/kg
Buprenorphine	TM, IM, IV	0.01-0.05 mg/kg	0.01-0.05 mg/kg
Butorphanol	TM, IM, IV	0.2-0.4 mg/kg	0.2-0.4 mg/kg
Dexmedetomidine	TM, IM, IV	1-10 mcg/kg	1-10 mcg/kg
Telazol	TM, IM, IV	2.0-5.0 mg/kg	2.0-5.0 mg/kg

TM = transmucosal route (e.g. squirt under tongue or rub on gums with lubricant)

- Have owner test oral medications at home. Watch for sedation effects and other side effects like paradoxical excitement, GI disturbances
- Unless side effects, choose moderate to high-end dose range of oral/transmucosal drugs for maximum effect
- Allow 60 minutes for most of these oral medications to take effect (especially trazodone and alprazolam)