

Possible side-effects of common medications:

Phil Zeltzman, DVM, DACVS, CVJ, FFcert.

It is a list of the most common side-effect noticed in our patients. They are normally mild, or could be serious. If in doubt, please stop the medication and call us, your family vet or the closest ER. Please do not increase the dosage or frequency of a drug without approval.



NSAIDs:

Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs) are used to control pain and inflammation. The NSAIDs we use are carprofen and meloxicam.

Possible side-effects include: vomiting, diarrhea, with or without blood; lethargy, depression; lack or loss of appetite; yellow gums and skin; changes in drinking.

Pain medications:

- . Gabapentin can cause drowsiness (which is expected) or a loss of coordination (call a vet).
- . Tramadol can cause sleepiness (which is expected), dizziness, and rarely a reduced appetite, vomiting, constipation or diarrhea.
- . Buprenorphine (Zorbium or by mouth), can cause sedation and rarely, vomiting or constipation.

Antibiotics: Cefpodoxime can rarely cause vomiting, diarrhea and lack of appetite.

Trazodone is used as a sedative, so side-effects are sleepiness, decreased activity & lack of energy (which is what we want), and rarely loss of coordination, vomiting or diarrhea.

Our goal is to make your dog sleepy yet able to walk and be roused.

Lactulose is a laxative used against constipation. It can cause diarrhea & gas.

Omega Benefits (omega 3 fatty acids) is a joint supplement that rarely can cause an upset stomach or diarrhea. It's typically temporary while your pet gets used to the supplement. You may want to slowly increase the amount to avoid diarrhea. Avoid it if your pet has a fish allergy.

Osteo TruBenefits (glucosamine) should have no side-effects except with a shellfish allergy.

If you notice a serious side-effect, stop the medications and call us, your family vet or the ER.