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Why does my pet need gabapentin and trazodone?

Some pets get anxious when they go to the doctor and can get “white coat syndrome”, just like people. Using medications like gabapentin and trazodone leading up to their appointment can make their experience less stressful and safer for your pet. Gabapentin is a pain medication that can also cause sedation. Trazodone is used to help treat anxiety. Both of these medications have very few side effects other than making pets drowsy - which is a good thing for their vet appointment. Typically we like to give the medications the night before, and two hours prior to their appointment. Ideally, these nervous pets have mid morning appointments (around 10:30 or 11) so that their medications are at maximum effect. We hope using gabapentin and trazodone makes you and your pet’s vet experience less stressful! Please give us a call if you have any questions about your pet’s prescriptions or protocol.

Our recommended dosing strategy for your pet is:

Gabapentin _____

Trazodone _____

Other _____

Please be aware that all pets handle medications differently. For that reason, we often start at the low end of the dosing ranges and sometimes need to adjust their dosing. We ask for your patience as we work together to make your pet’s appointment a happier experience.