

CLASS					
NARCOTIC	USE	DOSE	INFORMATION	WARNINGS	
Morphine	severe pain, long term	0.5-2mg/ke orally every 6 hrs	short duration of action	vomiting, sedation, constipation @high doses or long term use	sustained released tablets, no advantage in dogs
Demerol	1-2 hrs pain relief	varies	short duration	works well w/nsaids for longer term relief	
hydrocodone + tylenol (vicodin)	moderate pain relief, good w/nsaids	base dose on codeine content 1-2 mg/kg 2 or 3 times/day		not for long term use, due to tylenol content	
Fentanyl (Duragesic) patch	long term moderate relief	patch	takes 12 hr to take effect, lasts 3 days	if pt eats patch, can be fatal	
Non narcotic w/similar action					
Tramadol (Ultram)	long term pain relief	1-2mg/kg up to 5-10mg/kg every 6 hrs if necessary	decrease dose if decreased renal or hepatic function present	lowers seizure threshold, use w/caution or not at all if pt has seizure disorder	
Gabapentin (neurotin)	chronic pain, nerve injury pain, cancer pain	2-5-10mg/ke every 12 hr	may potentiate other drugs. decrease dose if dog has renal impairment. withdrawal should be gradual to avoid rebound pain		
Antidepressants					
amitriptyline (Elavil)	use w/another pain reliever to decrease amt needed	1-2mg/kg every 12 hr			