

# Metacam®

## PAIN-FREE & ACTIVE ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY



**WHEN IT COMES TO PAIN MANAGEMENT DURING AND AFTER SURGERY, IT IS VITAL TO UNDERSTAND THE FACTS.**

Even routine surgeries will create pain in your dog. A good rule of thumb is - if you think it would hurt you, then it will hurt your dog. Hiding pain is an instinct and dogs will hide their discomfort to appear strong and to please you. **Your dog relies on you to recognize and relieve his/her pain.**

Medications used for sedation and anesthesia are designed to last only a short time and do not specifically stop the production of the chemicals responsible for pain. These drugs are effective at blocking a dog's perception of pain during surgery but they are not suitable for controlling pain after surgery. **Keeping pain and inflammation well-controlled decreases stress levels, length of hospitalization and can lead to a faster return to normal activity.** The length of pain relief needed for your pet is best determined by your veterinarian.



**A SINGLE INJECTION OF METACAM® PROVIDES 24 HOURS OF COMFORT. FOLLOW UP AT HOME WITH A DAILY DOSE OF METACAM®.**



### Metacam® Oral Suspension for Dogs

The Metacam® dosing syringe is used to accurately control the dose of Metacam® you give your dog. **You should always follow the dosage instructions of your veterinarian.**

#### HOW TO USE

- Shake the bottle. Remove the cap and attach the dosing syringe to the top of the bottle.
- Turn the bottle and syringe upside down. Pull the plunger out until the black line is even with your dog's weight in kilograms.
- Turn the bottle the right way up. Twist to separate the dispensing syringe from the bottle.
- Push the plunger to empty the syringe onto your dog's food, or right into his/her mouth immediately before or after feeding!



### Metacam® Chewable Tablets for Dogs

Metacam® Chewable Tablets for Dogs are another option for treating pain in your dog.

**Give the prescribed number of tablets before or after feeding.**

#### ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP YOUR PET RECOVER

- Isolate from other animals and children for at least 12 hours.
- Confine to a quiet, warm, and comfortable part of the house.
- Discourage any type of running, jumping, or rough play.
- Gradually resume activity.
- If you see any swelling, bleeding, discharge, or redness around the surgical site call your veterinarian immediately.
- Prevent scratching, licking or biting at the site – ask your veterinarian for a protective collar if necessary.

**PAIN, INFLAMMATION & MOBILITY SOLUTIONS**



#### HOW TO USE:

You know your dog best and are an important ally in ensuring adequate pain control during post-operative recovery. The behaviours and degrees of body tension are guidelines to help you assess their pain control. If your pet demonstrates moderate to severe pain or loss of pain control (particularly when post-operative pain medication is stopped) call your veterinarian immediately to determine next steps.

#### PAIN SCORE

#### GOOD PAIN CONTROL

#### PSYCHOLOGICAL & BEHAVIOURAL

#### BODY TENSION



- Comfortable** when resting
- Happy, content**
- Not bothering wound or surgery site
- Interested in or curious about surroundings

Minimal

#### SIGNS OF INADEQUATE PAIN CONTROL



- Content to slightly unsettled** or restless
- Distracted easily** by surroundings

Mild



- Looks **uncomfortable** when resting
- May **whimper** or cry and may **lick or rub wound** or surgery site when unattended
- Droopy ears, worried facial expression** (arched eye brows, darting eyes)
- Reluctant to respond** when beckoned
- Not eager to interact** with people or surroundings but will look around to see what is going on

Mild to Moderate



- Unsettled, crying, groaning, biting or chewing** wound when unattended
- Guards or protects** wound or surgery site by altering weight distribution (i.e., limping, shifting body position)
- May be unwilling to move** all or part of body

Moderate



- Constantly groaning or screaming** when unattended
- May bite or chew at wound, but unlikely to move
- Potentially unresponsive** to surroundings
- Difficult to distract** from pain

Moderate to Severe  
**May be rigid to avoid painful movement**

Adapted from the Colorado Acute Pain Scale for Dogs, accessible in full at [http://www.vasg.org/pdfs/CSU\\_Acute\\_Pain\\_Scale\\_Canine.pdf](http://www.vasg.org/pdfs/CSU_Acute_Pain_Scale_Canine.pdf)



#### TRACK YOUR DOG'S PAIN. HOW DO YOU RATE YOUR DOG'S PAIN AFTER SURGERY?

DAY 1			DAY 2			DAY 3			DAY 4			DAY 5		
DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	DATE:	
LOW	MED	HIGH	LOW	MED	HIGH	LOW	MED	HIGH	LOW	MED	HIGH	LOW	MED	HIGH

CALL YOUR VETERINARIAN IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SUSPECT INADEQUATE PAIN CONTROL.

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