



Med Card

Stomach Protection: Steroids (dexamethasone, prednisone, prednisolone) or NSAIDs can be very harmful to the stomach lining. Be proactive with Pepcid AC (famotidine). **Red flags:** not eating > vomiting > red or black blood in diarrhea.

Washout: Vets who practice safe use of anti-inflammatories look for a washout time of 4 -7 days if needing to switch NSAID<->Steroid or NSAID<->NSAID

Pain meds (tramadol, methocarbamol, gabapentin) relieve suffering while anti-inflammatories take 7-30 days to resolve painful swelling around the spinal cord.

NSAID (non-steroid anti-inflammatory

- Vet should discuss known side effects
 - Blood tests for organ health before Rx of NSAID.
- NSAIDs should not be prescribed with a steroid.**
- NSAIDs can become toxic to the liver and kidney very quickly in some dogs. Read the current manufacturer's label for any NSAID prescribed.

NSAIDs:

- Aspirin** (not for pets) • **Previcox** (firocoxib) • **Rimadyl** (carprofen)
- **Metacam** (meloxicam) • **Loxicam** (meloxicam)
- Ketoprofen** • **Deramaxx** (deracoxib)
- Etogesic** (etodolac) • **Novox** (carprofen) • **Galliprant**