

Policy Regarding Use of Prescription Medications in Shelter Cats

Effective February 17, 2025, only the veterinary staff at Kentown Animal Hospital or Loretta Dahlstrom are authorized to initiate medications on behalf of Kentown Animal Hospital. All prescription medications must be approved by Kentown or Loretta BEFORE administration.

Loretta's contact info: vp@pamashelter.org, cell 216-469-9306, daytime phone 216-397-4251
Kentown's contact info: 440-842-0303

Below are the medications that Kentown has approved for the shelter's use, including information on how to calculate the appropriate dosage.

To convert weight to kg- take the weight in pounds and divide by 2.2
For example if the pet weight 2 pounds (lbs) then $2/2.2 = 0.9$ kg (kilogram)

Albon- Also called sulfadimethoxine. Used to treat protozoal parasites such as coccidia.
This comes in a 5% solution which is equivalent to 50 mg/mL

- Dosage 55 mg/kg on day 1, the 27.5 mg/kg each day thereafter for 7 days
- You would take weight in kg x 55 and then divide by 50 for day one
- For day 2 through 7 you would take weight in kg x 27.5 and divide by 50

Clavamox- Also called Amoxicillin/Clavulanic Acid. This is a broad spectrum antibiotic safe for kittens.
This comes in a 62.5 mg/mL solution

- Dosage 13.75 mg/kg
- You would take weight in kg x 13.75
- You would then take this value and divide by 62.5 to get the total mL volume to be administered

Convenia- Also called cefovecin. This is a broad spectrum antibiotic (cephalosporin) to be administered by subcutaneous injection.

This comes in a 80 mg/mL solution

- Dosage is 8 mg/kg
- The easy math for this is to take the weight in kg and divide by 10
- Or take the weight in pounds and divide by 22

Profender- Also called Emodepside/Praziquantel. This is a topical dewormer used to treat tapeworms for cats

- Apply the appropriate size to cats on the back of the neck

Panacur- Also called fenbendazole. This is an oral deworming used to treat giardia, and other parasites.

- Dosage is 50 mg/kg
- This comes in a 100 mg/mL solution
- Take weight in kg x 50 and then divide by 100 to get the mL volume to administer
- To administer once a day for 3 to 5 days

Gabapentin- This is an oral pain medication that can also be used to help relax a stressful cat

- This one requires strict access and only to be used at the discretion and direction of Kentown Animal Hospital

Tresaderm- this is an ear medication used to treat ear mites, yeast and bacterial infections in the ear.

- Administer 3-4 drops into each ear once to twice a day for 7 to 10 days

Terramycin ointment- Also called oxytetracycline ointment.

- This is for any case of conjunctivitis (inflammation of the conjunctiva or tissue around the eye)
- Administer a thin strip into each affected eye every 12 hours until resolved

Revolution Plus- This is a topical flea and tick prevention

In my capacity as a member of the Feline Vet Committee of the Parma Animal Shelter, I agree to abide by this directive from Kentown Animal Hospital. Persons not on the Vet Committee, or those who have not signed this agreement, are prohibited from giving prescription medication to shelter cats and kittens. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action.

Name
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Signature_____

Date
signed_____