



Anti-Seizure Medications Dosages

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Table. Maintenance Therapy Dose, Elimination Half-life, and Time to Steady-State Therapeutic Serum Concentrations^a in Dogs and Cats^b

AED	Maintenance dose	Elimination half-life	Time to steady state
Phenobarbital	Dogs: 2-6 mg/kg every 12 h (orally, IM, IV) Cats: 1-3 mg/kg every 12 h (orally, IM, IV)	24-48 hours (dogs) 34-50 hours (cats)	7-14 days
Potassium bromide	Dogs: 20-40 mg/kg orally every 24 h Cats: contraindicated due to idiosyncratic eosinophilic pneumonitis	20 days	120 days
Levetiracetam	Dogs and cats: 20-40 mg/kg (orally, IV) Administer every 12 h for extended release and every 8 h for regular release formulations.	3 hours	1 day
Zonisamide	Dogs: 7-10 mg/kg orally every 12 h Cats: 5-10 mg/kg orally every 12 h	33 hours (cats)	7 days
Pregabalin	Dogs: 3-4 mg/kg orally every 8 to 12 h Cats: unknown (not yet studied)	7 hours	3 days
CBD oil ^c	Dogs: 2.5-5 mg/kg orally every 12 h Cats: 2 mg/kg orally every 12 h	1.5-2 hours	1 day

AED, antiepileptic drug; CBD, cannabidiol; IM, intramuscularly; IV, intravenously.

^aTherapeutic serum concentrations (“blood levels”) should be obtained after the time to steady state has been reached.

^bWhere known and based on available literature.

^cThe dosages for CBD oil are preliminary, based on initial published literature. Studies continue to evolve, and our understanding of dosage and efficacy may change as more data become available.



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TABLE 1.

Recommended Dosages of Antiepileptic Drugs for Use in Dogs with SE

ANTIEPILEPTIC DRUG	RECOMMENDED DOSAGES
Diazepam	0.5–2 mg/kg IV (up to 20 mg) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If patient is receiving phenobarbital, higher dose of 2 mg/kg may be needed• Monitor for cardiac/respiratory depression, nausea, agitation²
Fosphenytoin	15 mg/kg phenytoin equivalents IV or IM (starting dose for dogs) ¹
Ketamine	3–5 mg/kg IV bolus; then 0.2–0.6 mg/kg/H IV CRI ²
Levetiracetam	20–60 mg/kg IV bolus injection over 5 minutes Q 8 H in-hospital; 20 mg/kg PO Q 8 H ⁴
Lorazepam	0.05–0.2 mg/kg IV bolus; then 0.2–0.4 mg/kg/H IV CRI ¹
Midazolam	0.5–2 mg/kg IV or IM; then 0.2–1 mg/kg/H IV CRI ¹
Phenobarbital	12–24 mg/kg IV loading dose, which is administered in aliquots of 2–4 mg/kg IV Q 20–30 min (max, 24 mg/kg over 24 H) ²
Phenytoin	15–20 mg/kg IV ¹ slow bolus
Propofol	1–2 mg/kg IV bolus; then 0.05–0.6 mg/kg/min IV CRI (titrate to effect) ²



Weight to Body Surface Area Conversion for Dogs – for the Dextmedetomidine in Status Epilepticus

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Weight to Body Surface Area Conversion for Dogs Print Share			
Body wt (kg)	BSA (m ²)	Body wt (kg)	BSA (m ²)
0.5	0.064	26	0.886
1.0	0.101	27	0.909
1.5	0.132	28	0.931
2.0	0.160	29	0.953
2.5	0.186	30	0.975
3.0	0.210	31	0.997
3.5	0.233	32	1.018
4.0	0.255	33	1.039
4.5	0.275	34	1.060
5	0.295	35	1.081
6	0.333	36	1.101
7	0.370	37	1.121
8	0.404	38	1.142
9	0.437	39	1.162
10	0.469	40	1.181
11	0.500	41	1.201
12	0.529	42	1.220