

"Muzzle Your Fears!"

Aggressive Dog Handling

In moments of fear and anxiety, a dog's defense mechanism can manifest into aggression in an attempt to promote distance between them and their perceived threat. Hospitals can be an automatic trigger for some patients, therefore, it is vital to create a less "threatening" atmosphere for them. This can reduce current anxieties, hopefully future anxieties as well as promoting a safe working environment for hospital staff.

Overview

- Benefits of reducing stress for the patient and owner
- Types of aggression
- Methods for handling aggressive patients
- Drug protocols
- Recovery with minimal handling

Benefits of reducing stress

For the patient: _____

For the owner: _____

Types of aggression

Fear aggression: _____

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Cage aggression: _____

Owner aggression: _____

Unknown aggression: _____

Working dogs: _____

Methods for handling aggressive patients

Know your triggers and what alternative methods you can use:

Items to have ready prior to premedication

- O₂ _____
- IV catheter supplies _____
- Intubation materials _____

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- Ambu-bag _____
- Monitoring equipment: _____

Drug options

Recovery

- Location: _____

- Items to have ready:
 - Owner/Handler _____
 - Sedation drugs _____
 - Muzzle _____
- Prepare for IVC removal: _____

