

Pain Management In Pets

Even in the best of circumstances, pain makes animals uneasy, so appropriate pain control helps ease the anxiety of the visit to the vet, making your pet happier the next time they come to see us.

Well, we can't completely eliminate pain, but we do have many more options now than we used to for controlling pain from many sources, from arthritis to post-operative. Also, new surgery equipment such as laser decreases trauma to the surrounding tissues making the overall experience less painful and recovery time shorter.

For wounds and surgery, pain control starts even before the procedure, as we use an analgesic as part of our anesthesia routine. We also frequently inject a local anesthetic (like the Novocain your dentist uses) in the skin where we'll be working, to decrease local pain at the site of the incision or wound. Finally, almost all patients get an injection of an NSAID before they wake up, and many go home with a short-term prescription of pain-relieving pills.

So there's very little reason to put off or dread a recommended surgical procedure or wound repair because of the pain involved.