

Questions to Ask My Vet About Gabapentin

(FOR DOG GUARDIANS - PRINT & BRING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT)

Dog's name: _____

Breed: _____

Current weight: _____ kg / lbs

Age: _____ years

- Is gabapentin the best option for my dog's condition right now? (pain / anxiety / seizures / other) ☐ Yes ☐ Maybe ☐ No - here are better alternatives:

- What is the exact starting dose for my dog? _____ mg/kg or total _____ mg per dose How many times per day?

- How many days/weeks should we trial it before deciding if it's working?

- How slowly do we need to taper off if we stop? (to avoid withdrawal seizures)

- What side effects should I watch for and call you about immediately? ☐ Wobbliness / falling ☐ Extreme sleepiness ☐ Vomiting/diarrhea ☐ Other: _____
- Does my dog need bloodwork or kidney/liver checks before starting or during treatment? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Are there any medications or supplements my dog is on that could interact badly with gabapentin? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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If gabapentin isn't enough, what is the next step or combination you recommend?

Any tips for giving the medication easily? ☐ Compounded liquid ☐
Pill pockets ☐ Other: _____

When should I schedule the follow-up visit or call to check progress?

Vet's notes/instructions:
