

Preferred Surgery Protocol for Staffords

Preop Bloodwork: whatever you and owner choose is appropriate for age and situation of animal.

Preop medication: Arnica 30c homeopathic remedy (give 5-30 minutes post-op).

Anesthesia induction: Propofol or gas only.

Maintenance anesthesia: Isoflurane or Sevoflurane only.

Postop medication: Nux Vomica 30c immediately after extubation followed 15 minutes later by Arnica 30c then one dose Arnica 30c every 4-6 hours for 3 days as needed for pain.

Directions for giving a liquid homeopathic remedy: Succuss or hit bottle twice against palm of hand then give ½ dropper by mouth (anywhere on gums or tongue for this is sublingual – we are not going for the stomach). Pillules place inside gums to dissolve without touching them with your fingers.

****Owner will bring the homeopathic remedies with them the day of surgery****

Never use: Ace promazine, Pentobarbitol (Pentathol), Metofane or Halothane

Extras for C-Section:

(in addition to above)

Atropine given at induction

IV fluids

Antibiotic injection post-op

Use of Oxytocin is owner option only

Intubation vs. Masking/coning down:

Every short muzzled, brachycephalic or heavily muscled dog that goes under anesthesia should have an endotracheal tube (ET). This tube needs to be left in until they are VERY awake.

Be extremely careful when masking a short muzzled dog. Masking can be harder on them as they tend to struggle to hold their breath when they smell the strange smelling gas. This can irritate the airways and deplete their oxygen levels. Please use injectable and then tube giving Staffords optimum oxygen supply.