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Corticosteroid Schedule

Prednisone, medrol, vetalog and dexamethasone are corticosteroid drugs. They have many effects on your pet's body- some are beneficial while some are not. We will attempt to use these medications so that we can minimize the undesirable effects. Common side effects include increased thirst, urination, appetite, and panting. Water should be available to your pet at all times. Food intake should be regulated so that your pet does not gain weight. This is particularly important and must be emphasized to the whole family, as "begging" becomes a problem.

Occasionally these medications may irritate the stomach or intestines resulting in vomiting and/or diarrhea. If this occurs, feeding your pet with or just prior to giving the medication may help. If vomiting or diarrhea persists or your pet appears sick, discontinue the medication and call us at the above telephone number.

The following schedule should be followed in administering the medication. When giving once daily, the medicine should always be given in the morning (7-9am). The number indicates how many tablets to give at that time and day.

CLIENT NAME								PET NAME							
MEDICATION								STARTING DATE (Day 1)							
Day	AM	PM	**	Day	AM	**	Day	AM	**	Day	AM	**	Day	AM	**
1				13			25			37			49		
2				14			26			38			50		
3				15			27			39			51		
4				16			28			40			52		
5				17			29			41			53		
6				18			30			42			54		
7				19			31			43			55		
8				20			32			44			56		
9				21			33			45			57		
10				22			34			46			58		
11				23			35			47			59		
12				24			36			48			60		