

## Help for Chronic Pain

In addition to our goal of diminishing the pain of sudden injuries and surgeries, we are using state of the art strategies to combat chronic pain associated with osteoarthritis and degenerative disc disease. Through the use of supplements, which target the joint and its unique structures, patients may avoid more systemic drugs for longer periods of time. The newest and safest non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications can be utilized for added comfort and mobility. We can design a plan, which can truly benefit pets with pain caused by long-standing injuries, or who have reached their golden years.



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*We are an AAHA accredited hospital and exceed their pain management standards*



## Your Introduction to a Pain – Free Hospital

*“...the relief of animal suffering”  
Veterinarians’ oath*



## Pain Management and Your Pet

Studies have proven that *pain relief improves patients' ability to recover* from a variety of illnesses and injuries. Analgesia – the elimination of pain – may even be *vital to survival* in some cases.

From the initial examination to the postoperative nursing care; our techniques are designed to reduce patient stress and pain. We accomplish this by many methods including *gentle handling practices, extra-small needles, and the routine administration of pain medication.*



If special procedures are needed such as x-rays or wound treatment, patient comfort will help determine protocols used.

Even before surgery, pets are given pain medication. By anticipating that discomfort may accompany certain procedures and preemptively taking action, we can improve your pet's hospital stay. Pain medication may be dispensed for at-home use depending upon the status of the patient and the procedure performed.



## Our Commitment to Surgery Patient Care

We, the veterinarians, nurses, and caregivers at West Hills Animal Hospital, are committed to providing our patients with the safest surgical environment possible. In this endeavor, we have established a standard of care that strives to meet that goal. This standard of care includes: age appropriate blood chemistry screening to determine the function of certain internal organ systems and the presence of specific diseases such as diabetes mellitus and thyroid conditions; intravenous fluids which help maintain blood pressure and shorten recovery time; diligent patient monitoring; and pain management. Our goal, like yours, is to ensure optimal care for your family member pet. We are proud to establish this standard of care for all pets at our hospital.