

Setting Up Cages Patient Comfort Checklist Process

Before Anesthesia Admission:

- Make sure heated cages have black rubber protection mats
- The heated cages are the middle row, 2nd cage from left and the left cage on the bottom row
- For patients under 15 lbs and neonates use a snuggie sprayed with appropriate pheromone and line cage with towel or blanket
- For patients over 50 lbs use comforter or thick blanket instead of towel
- Print cage card and place on cage, print second cage card for paper collar
- Place pain/FAS score card on cage clip (Colorado State Canine Pain Score and Pain Score Card for Cats)
- Spray cage and towel/blanket with 1-2 sprays of appropriate pheromone based on species
- Apply cage card to paper collar and start a patient basket with a thermometer, paper collar
- Prepare clipboard with appropriate paperwork per the surgical process

Hospital and Inpatient Admission:

- For patients under 15 lbs and neonates use a snuggie sprayed with appropriate pheromone and line cage with towel or blanket
- For patients over 50 lbs use comforter or thick blanket instead of towel
- Print cage card and place on cage, print second cage card for paper collar
- Place pain/FAS score card on cage clip (Colorado State Canine Pain Score and Pain Score Card for Cats)
- Spray cage and towel/blanket with 1-2 sprays of appropriate pheromone based on species
- Apply cage card to paper collar and start a patient basket with a thermometer, paper collar
- Prepare clipboard with hospitalized emergency drug calculation sheet and hospitalized/inpatient treatment sheet. Do not give patient water until doctor has approved as such on the treatment sheet.

During Stay:

- During patient TPR if patient temperature is below 99 degrees Fahrenheit, turn the heated cage to level 4.
- Play calming music in dog run area and treatment area
- Plug in Thunderworks diffuser and make sure white noise is also playing (be sure this is unplugged at the end of day!!!!)
- Turn off heated cage when patients temperature is above 99 degrees Fahrenheit
- Frequently check bedding/litter box for soiling, record in electronic chart any eliminations and replace with fresh bedding/litter
- Note any signs of FAS/pain in electronic chart and make patient advocate aware so that the situation can be addressed