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Short and sweet: Ten practical tips for small animal anesthesia and analgesia

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This lecture will give an overview of current practical techniques and drug protocols for small anaesthesia and pain management in 2025 that are readily applicable in clinical practice. The speaker will present and evolve about the 2024 ISFM and AAEP consensus guidelines on the use of long-term NSAID in cats. The presentation will discuss the potential differences between gabapentin and pregabalin: is it worth the price difference? The use of gabapentinoids in clinical practice will also involve dose adjustments of gabapentin in cats with chronic kidney disease. The use of a new sedative vatinoxan in combination with medetomidine in dogs will be discussed – background information, reasons behind it and what the differences are when compared with dexmedetomidine, for example. Well, we could not leave local anaesthetic blocks out – a quick review of the use of intraperitoneal, incisional and intratesticular blocks will be presented including videos. The lecture will finally present brand-new information about anaesthetic mortality in dogs and cats and novel tools to be used in practice such as monoclonal antibodies targeting nerve growth factor and ongoing discussions on their adverse effects.