

Manchester Terriers and Anesthetic

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Manchester Terriers do not metabolize barbiturates well. Standard protocol for treating sighthounds like Whippets, Italian Greyhounds or other breeds with low ratios of bone to bodyweight should be observed.

Premedications can be used, however Thiopental, or any other thiobarbiturate, should not be used. Propofol is preferred, though ketamine/diazepam combination, and methohexital are recommended alternative intravenous anesthetics. Avoid coadministration of agents that inhibit drug biotransformation, such as chloramphenicol.

Inhalation anesthesia using isoflurane is the preferred anesthetic maintenance technique. Core body temperature should be monitored closely and techniques to minimize hypothermia should be employed both during anesthesia and into the recovery period.

It is very important that the Manchester Terrier be well hydrated prior to and during surgery. Water should NEVER be restricted in advance and Intravenous fluid administration is recommended for surgeries lasting longer than 20 minutes.