

# **The Family Vet**

## **Personal Care for Pets**

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### **Client Notes for Kona Prior for 06/21/09:**

**Kona's Weight: 74.7 Lbs**

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Your (case-sensitive) password is: Prior

Kona is moving slightly better today than last month but still gingerly on both rear legs. As we discussed, it is best that the surgeon re-evaluate her RIGHT knee (that had surgery) to confirm that it is progressing as expected. If that's the best her right knee is going to be then at least we know. Otherwise, we keep thinking her right knee should be stronger. It is possible her right knee is having problems compensating for the LEFT knee. Once the surgeon re-evaluate Kona, you can decide about dealing the surgery towards the end of the year.

For now, restart the Previcox at 1/2 tablet once daily:

Rx: Previcox 227 mg --- Give 1/2 tablet by mouth ONCE daily with food or as directed for pain and inflammation. Tablets are in halves...tnt

\*\*\* Discontinue medication and call us if any GI upset such as vomiting or diarrhea.

Her lab work from last month was fine; no indication of liver or kidney problems. Thyroid was at low normal but still acceptable. Also if she is losing weight, hypothyroidism is less likely to be the cause of her "sad" look and attitude. We will see if her behavior and energy improves with the Previcox. If not, we can consider restarting her on the low dose of Soloxine (thyroid medication).

We did not recheck her blood today since that was done last month and were fine. But we will recheck a small blood panel in 2 weeks, after she is on the higher dose of Previcox.

We emptied her anal glands; both glands were moderately full.

OK to keep her on the Phycox Chews but lower to 2-3 per day.

Limit her walks to short (5 - 10 minutes) leashed walks for elimination for the next 2 weeks until we see her again (or until she is re-evaluated by the surgeon).

Schedule a follow-up in 2 weeks for the blood test..tnt