

5 Common Behavioral Drugs in Cats

Drug Name	Drug Class	Indications	Oral Dosage
Amitriptyline	Tricyclic antidepressant	Anxiety; compulsive disorders; urine marking; psychogenic alopecia; hypervocalization	0.5–2 mg/kg q12–24hrs
Fluoxetine	Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor	Anxiety; urine marking; compulsive disorders	1–2 mg/cat (NOT mg/kg) q12–24hrs
Buspirone	Azapirone	Anxiety; urine marking	0.5–1 mg/kg q12hrs
Gabapentin	Unknown mechanism	Fear or anxiety, especially situational anxiety (i.e., veterinary visits, travel) where rapid onset and short duration is desired	20 mg/kg 1hr before stressful event
Acepromazine	Phenothiazine	Sedation (NO anxiolytic effects)	0.5–1 mg/kg q6–8hrs