

## 5 Common Behavioral Drugs in Dogs

| Drug Name    | Drug Class                             | Indications   | Oral Dosage  |
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| Alprazolam   | Benzodiazepine                         | Fear or anxiety, especially situational anxiety (i.e., travel) where rapid onset and short duration is desired                                | 0.02–0.1 mg/kg<br>q4hrs                                |
| Clomipramine | Tricyclic antidepressant               | Anxiety; compulsive disorders; may have some anti-aggressive effects but these effects are unpredictable                                      | 1–3 mg/kg<br>q12hrs                                    |
| Fluoxetine   | Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor | Anxiety; compulsive disorders; may have some anti-aggressive effects but these effects are unpredictable                                      | 1 mg/kg q24hrs   |
| Trazodone    | Serotonin modulator                    | Anxiety, especially situational anxiety (i.e., veterinary visits, separation anxiety, travel) where rapid onset and short duration is desired | 2–5 mg/kg<br>q8–24hrs or<br>1hr before stressful event |
| Acepromazine | Phenothiazine                          | Sedation (NO anxiolytic effects)  | 0.5–1 mg/kg<br>q6–8hrs                                 |