

Post-operative pain control information



Your dog has recently undergone surgery to stabilize the knee joint following cranial cruciate ligament injury. The cranial cruciate ligament is the main ligament stabilizing the knee joint. It connects the femur (thigh bone) to the tibia (shin bone) and it prevents the lower leg from moving forward. **The first several days after surgery are crucial for pain management** to help your dog heal properly and get back to playing sooner.

For this reason, your veterinarian administered a single application of **NOCITA® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension)** during the closure of the surgical site. NOCITA® is a specially formulated long-lasting local anesthetic that provides pain relief for up to 72 hours.

What is NOCITA®?

NOCITA® is a non-narcotic local anesthetic. It is administered during the procedure, directly into the surgical site at closure.

How does NOCITA® work?

NOCITA® numbs the area where surgery has been performed. NOCITA® is specially formulated to slowly release a proven ingredient — known as bupivacaine — over time. This slow release makes it possible for NOCITA® to control pain after surgery for up to 72 hours with just a single dose.

How long does NOCITA® work?

NOCITA® uses special technology that slowly releases a non-narcotic, numbing medication over time so that your dog can start recovery with the pain relief they need.

A single application of NOCITA® is long lasting, providing your dog pain relief for up to 72 hours.



Pet owner tip:

Use your smart phone to record the veterinarian's instructions to help you remember what to do after you leave the clinic.



IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION: NOCITA® (bupivacaine liposome injectable suspension) is for use in dogs only. Do not use in dogs younger than 5 months of age, dogs used for breeding, or in pregnant or lactating dogs. Do not administer by intravenous or intra-arterial injection. Adverse reactions in dogs may include discharge from incision, incisional inflammation and vomiting. Avoid concurrent use with bupivacaine HCl, lidocaine or other amide local anesthetics. Please see the full Prescribing Information or contact your veterinarian for more detail.