

MOBILE VETERINARY IMAGING

Sedation Protocol for Echocardiogram:

Butorphanol 0.2 – 0.5 mg/kg IV/IM (generally 0.3 mg/kg for most patients)

Acepromazine 0.01 – 0.05 mg/kg IV/IM

Alfaxalone 2 – 4 mg/kg IV/IM – titrate to effect

Midazolam 0.25 mg/kg IV/IM

Gabapentin 5 – 30 mg/kg PO one hour prior to exam (especially effective in cats)

Trazodone 3 – 5 mg/kg PO one hour prior to exam

Generally, start with butorphanol starting at 0.3 mg/kg IV/IM

If you think butorphanol alone is not going to be effective, add acepromazine

If you have a fractious patient, butorphanol and alfaxalone combination has been effective.