

SCIURIDAE SHUFFLE

Raising and care of Ohio native squirrels

Formula Frequency

	Chipmunk	Red Squirrel	Flying Squirrel	Grey/Fox Squirrel	Woodchuck
Newborn	Every 2 hours	Every 2 hours	Every 2 hours	Every 2-2.5 hours	Every 2 hours
Week 1	Every 3-4 hours	Every 2 hours	Every 2 hours	Every 3 hours	Every 2.5-3 hours
Week 2	5/day	Every 2-3 hours	Every 2-2.5 hours	Every 3-4 hours	Every 4 hours
Week 3	4/day	Every 3-4 hours	Every 3 hours	Every 4 hours	Every 4 hours
Week 4	3/day	Every 3-4 hours	Every 3.5 hours	Every 3-4 hours	4-5/day
Week 5	2/day	Every 4 hours	Every 4 hours	4-5/day	3-4/day
Week 6	1-2/day in lapping dish	3/day	5/day	3-4/day	2-3/day
Week 7	Wean	3/day	4/day	3/day	1-2/day
Week 8-10		Wean	2/day	1-2/day	1-2/day
Week 10-12			Wean	Wean	Wean

Squirrel Mini Formulary – dosages for medications commonly used on squirrel patients

Medication	Dosage	Route	Frequency
Activated Charcoal	20mg/kg	PO	As needed
Albon (Sulfadimethoxine)	10-15mg/kg	PO	BID
Anesthetic Mixture: Midazolam plus Buprenorphine	1mg/kg plus 0.05mg/kg	IM	As needed
Baycox (Toltrazuril)	15mg/kg	PO	SID for 5 days
Baytril (Enrofloxacin)	10mg/kg	PO	SID-BID
Buprenorphine	0.3mg/kg	PO or IM	BID
Capstar	1mg/kg	PO (can also be diluted and applied direct to maggots)	Once
Clavamox (Amoxicillin/Clavulanate Potassium)	20mg/kg	PO	BID
Dexamethasone (injectable)	2mg/kg Day 1; 1mg/kg Day 2; 0.5mg/kg Day 3,4,6	IM	SID
Diphenhydramine	2mg/kg	PO or IM	BID-TID
Doxycycline	5mg/kg	PO	BID
Gabapentin	50mg/kg	PO	SID

Lactated Ringers (or alternative fluids)	60mL/kg	SQ	SID or divided
Lidocaine 2%		Topical or surface injection	Once
Metacam (Meloxicam)	0.5mg/kg	PO or SQ	SID
Metaclopramide	0.5mg/kg	PO	BID-TID
Metronidazole	25mg/kg	PO	BID
Midazolam	1-2mg/kg	IM	As needed
Mupirocin Ointment		Topical	TID
Ofloxacin Eye Drops		Topical	TID
Pentobarbital Sodium (Euthanasia solution)	0.1mL/lb	IV (Triple if IP)	Once
Revolution (Selamectin)	1 drop babies, 2 drops adults	Topical	Once
Simethicone	70mg/kg	PO	BID-TID
SMZ (Sulfamethoxazole Trimethoprim)	20mg/kg	PO	BID
SSD		Topical	BID
Tramadol	4mg/kg	PO	BID
Valium (Diazepam)	0.5-3mg/kg	IM	As needed
Vitamin K	2.5mg/kg once, then 1..1mg/kg	SQ then PO	BID

Good Squirrel References:

General Info: “Wild Babies: The First 48 Hours and Beyond” by Debra Gode and Irene Ruth

Eastern Grey and Fox Squirrel Age charts: <http://arcforwildlife.com/squirrels.htm>

Flying Squirrel Age chart: <http://arcforwildlife.com/flyers.htm>

Dietary Component Recommendations: <https://www.henryspets.com/healthy-diet-for-pet-squirrels/>

Produce Calcium/Phosphorus Ratios: http://www.guinealynx.info/calcium_phosphorus_ratios.html

NWRA formulary: Purchasable <https://national-wildlife-rehabilitators-association.myshopify.com/products/nwra-wildlife-formulary>

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