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Administering medication to your Cat

If your veterinarian has prescribed your pet with medication to administer, learning how to do it right will make the process easier for both you and your dog. **Always follow the instructions given by your vet. Be sure to administer the full amount of medication over the number of days instructed by your vet.**

Tablets & capsules

Step 1

- Place the pill between the thumb and index finger of one hand
- Hold the top of the cat's head and grasp the cheekbones with the thumb and index finger of the other hand



Step 2

- Tilt the head back until the cat's eyes are facing upward
- Usually the cat's jaw will drop open on its own. If not, apply a little pressure on the lower jaw with your middle finger
- Bring the pill to the cat's mouth



Step 3

- Keep your middle finger over the small incisor teeth to keep jaw open
- Deposit the pill as far back on the tongue as possible
- Immediately close the mouth.



Step 4

- Gently stroke the throat or blow on the nose to encourage swallowing



Pilling Devices (Pill Popper)

Should you wish, you can use a pilling device to avoid placing your fingers into the cat's mouth. It is a plastic tube resembling a syringe used to deposit the pill.

- Place the pill at the end of the device
- Hold the device like a syringe between your index and middle fingers, using your thumb to push the plunger
- Tilt your cat's head back until their eyes are facing upward. Usually the cat's jaw will drop open on its own. If not, apply a little pressure on the lower jaw with your middle finger
- Place the device over the base of the tongue
- Push the plunger to deposit the pill as far back on the tongue as possible

Liquids & Syrups

Read the label for the proper dosage. If instructed, shake the contents of the bottle

Step 1

- Fill a syringe or dropper with medication before starting
- Liquid medication is poured into the pouch between the teeth and cheek
- Hold your cat's jaw closed and tilt the head back slightly



Step 2

- Gently squirt the medication into the pouch with the dropper or syringe



Helpful Hints

- Always read the label instructions carefully.
- Ask your vet if the medication can be given with food, you may be able to hide the tablet in a small piece of meat or cheese
- Get a second person to help you
- Place the cat on your lap or a table with a non-slip surface
- Always praise and reward your pet with a treat or reward after giving medication to make it a fun experience

Administration checklist

- Once a day Twice a day Three times a day Other
- With food Before a meal
- Morning Evening

Comments from your vet

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If you have any further questions please make an appointment with your Veterinarian or ask one of our friendly staff members.