



Just like you, your dog is going to get sick occasionally and you'll likely come home from the veterinarian's with some medication to administer. Learning how to do it right will make the process easier both for you and your dog.

Always follow the instructions given by your veterinarian. Be sure to administer the full amount of medication over the number of days instructed by your veterinarian.

Special Care Instructions

for : _____



Tablets & Capsules

Step 1

- Place the pill between the thumb and index finger of one hand
- Firmly grasp the upper jaw with the thumb and index finger of the other hand



Step 2

- Gently fold the upper lip over the teeth as you open the mouth. This will reduce the chance of being bitten



Step 3

- Rotate your wrist to tilt the head upwards
- Use your middle finger to slowly open the lower jaw



Step 4

- Keep your middle finger over the small incisor teeth and deposit the pill as far back on the tongue as possible
- Immediately close the mouth. Keeping your hand over the mouth, put the head down to facilitate swallowing.



Step 5

- Stroke the throat or blow on the nose to encourage swallowing

Administration Checklist

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| <input type="radio"/> Once a day | <input type="radio"/> Twice a day | <input type="radio"/> Three times a day |
| <input type="radio"/> With food | <input type="radio"/> Before meal | <input type="radio"/> Other |
| <input type="radio"/> Morning | <input type="radio"/> Evening | |

Comments



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 dog's jaw closed and tilt the head back slightly



Step 2

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



Step 3

- Hold the mouth closed
- Stroke the throat or blow on the nose to encourage swallowing



Step 4

- Should your dog gag or cough out the medication, lower his head and calm him down
- Wait a few minutes and then try again

Helpful hints

- Always read the label instructions carefully.
- Ask your veterinarian if the medication can be given with food or must be given on an empty stomach. If it can be given with food, just put the pill into a small piece of hamburger meat.
- Get a friend or family member to help.
- Avoid medicating your dog on the floor or in your arms. Place the dog on a table with a non-slip surface.
- When administering medication stay calm - your pet can sense if you are nervous making it more difficult to apply the treatment. Always praise and reward your pet with a treat.

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