

Dogs - As with the cat, speed is of the essence if you are to ensure easy medication.



It is easier if your dog is in the sit or down position so that they can't run away.



Hold your dog's head over the top of the skull with your left hand (if you are right handed). You will be able to hold the top jaw with your left hand if you have a long nosed breed. If you have a short nosed breed of dog, you will hold the head like a cat.



Tilt the head back and pull the top lip back over the teeth. Unlike a cat, the dog's jaw will not drop open automatically.



Using your middle finger between the canine teeth (fangs), you can gently prise open the lower jaw.



Holding the tablet between the thumb and index finger on the right hand, drop the tablet to the back of the dog's tongue.



Close the mouth until the dog swallows. If the dog will not swallow, keep the mouth closed and gently rub under the neck.

Troubleshooting!



If you do not drop the tablet far enough back in the mouth, the dog will spit the tablet out. If this happens, you will need to follow the procedure again but put your hand further into the mouth to push the tablet right to the back of the throat.



Medicating your pet need not be as complicated or as stressful for your pet as you think. Once you have tried once or twice, practice makes perfect! Your pet will get used to it and you will find it gets much easier every time.

Please consult your Veterinary Surgeon or Veterinary Nurse if you require any further advice.



How to administer tablets to your pet

How to give your pet a tablet.

Firstly find a nice quiet area where you and your pet feel comfortable. The less stressful the situation, the easier for both of you. This will also stop unnecessary biting and scratching.

Feel positive about the situation or your pet will sense your uneasiness and become agitated. Be gentle but firm with your pet, and reward them with a small treat once medicated. This will make them associate medication with a good experience.



Cats - When medicating a cat, speed is of the essence! If you are placing any fingers in the cat's mouth, make sure you work quickly to avoid being bitten.



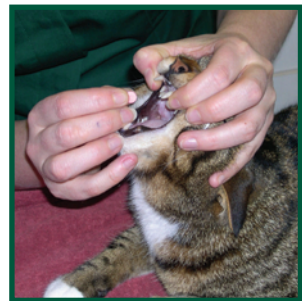
Start off with minimum restraint, as most cats will often sit quietly. Only use more restraint if necessary. Place a towel on the table so that they feel safe and don't slip.



Hold your cat's head over the top of the skull with your left hand (if you are right handed). Your thumb and index finger will be positioned down either side of the cheekbones which allow you to hold the head firmly.



Once you have a good hold and your cat is comfortable, tilt the head back and the lower jaw will drop open slightly.



Holding the tablet in your right hand (thumb and index finger), you can then use the rest of your fingers to keep the lower jaw from closing.



Drop the tablet as far back as you can on the tongue and close the mouth until your cat swallows. If your cat is not swallowing, you could rub under the chin to encourage swallowing, whilst keeping the mouth closed.



If your cat will not open their mouth when you tip the head back, keep the tablet between your thumb and index finger and you can use the middle finger of the right hand to gently open the lower jaw.



You can also try pushing the tablet as far back in your cat's mouth as possible. If dropping it in doesn't work, you can try dropping small amount of water into mouth to encourage swallowing.



If your cat scratches whilst being medicated, it is often safer if you can wrap them in a soft towel which encloses the legs and feet. You can then kneel on the floor and place the cat between your legs and tilt the head back towards you.



Pet shops also sell cat restraint bags which enclose all the body and zip up round the neck. This will stop your cat scratching you, and if they are particularly fractious will calm them down enabling you to medicate.