

## How to Medicate Your Pet's Eye

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Have your pet sitting in front of you (or on your knee) with its left side towards you. If you have a small dog or a cat, elevate it on a table or chair.

Hold muzzle and/or support under their chin with your left hand so that their head is tilted backwards and they are looking upwards

Hold drops/ointment container in your right hand and steady your hand by resting the side of it on your pet's forehead above/behind the eye to be medicated. If your pet is holding its eye shut, move the side of your right hand to help retract the upper eyelid

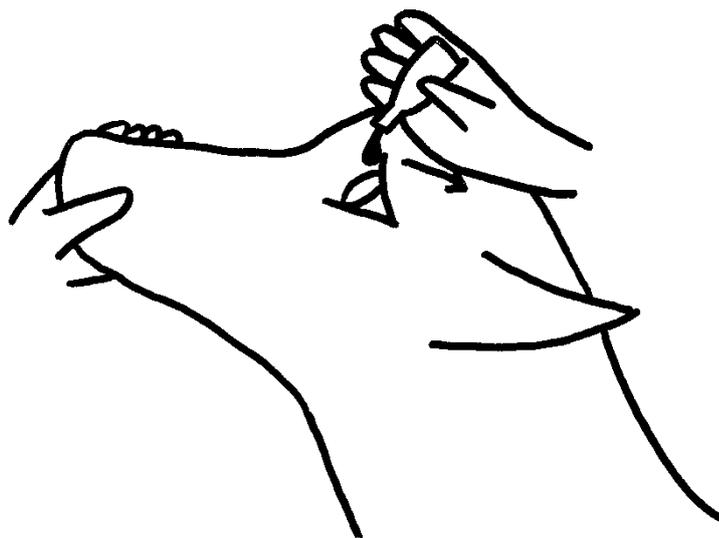
Instill 1 to 2 drops, or 5 millimetres of ointment onto the surface of the eyeball from directly above, allowing gravity to carry the medication from the container to the eye. The medication will spread over the eye as the pet blinks.

Keep your pet's nose elevated and restrained for about 5-10 seconds to prevent shaking out of the medication before significant absorption occurs.

When two or more eye medications have been prescribed at any one time, allow an interval of around 2 minutes between the different medications.

If the ointment is very stiff, or dispensed in a syringe, it is easier to squeeze the dose out of the container before applying it to the eye. The edge of the eyelid margin can be used to 'break' the dose off the tip of the container into the eye.

If you are left-handed you may wish to have the drops/ointment container in your left hand and the right side of the pet facing towards you.



Ask one of our staff for a demonstration if you are unsure of any of the above instructions.