

GIVING YOUR CAT ORAL MEDICATIONS

Your veterinarian has prescribed oral medication for your cat, and now it's up to you to make sure your pet takes it. These steps will help you give those pills with confidence.



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Hold the pill between the thumb and index finger of your dominant hand.



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Gently but firmly grasp your cat's head from the top, placing your thumb at one corner of his mouth and your fingers at the other corner.



3

Tilt your cat's head backward, pointing his nose at the ceiling. This should cause the lower jaw to relax and open slightly.



4

With the remaining fingers of your hand holding the pill, press down on the cat's lower jaw or front teeth to further open his mouth.



5

Place the medication as far back in your cat's mouth as possible.



6

Close your cat's mouth quickly and hold it closed while gently rubbing his throat or blowing softly on his nose to encourage swallowing.



When your cat licks his nose, you can assume he has swallowed the medication. Always praise your cat after giving medication successfully and consider giving him a small treat.



Before giving any medication to your cat, be sure to discuss it with your veterinarian. Always read and follow label directions carefully.

Need help remembering to give your pet's monthly parasite product?

Missing even a single dose of medication is serious; register your pet with RemindMyPet.com and let us help you remember to give every dose on time.



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HELPFUL HINTS:



"Chase" the pill with water or tuna juice given with a syringe, or use canned cat food. Coating a pill with oil, margarine or butter also can make it easier for your cat to swallow.



Trim your cat's nails before giving medication. Give your cat time to relax between procedures, especially if your cat dislikes having his nails trimmed.



Hide the pill in a small treat, such as lean turkey or chicken, tuna, canned or semi-moist cat food, or a specially formulated treat designed to hold medication.



Use a towel to help restrain your cat, if needed.



Use a "piller" (pilling device) to help place the tablet or capsule at the back of your cat's mouth.

