

Tips and Tricks for Administering Oral Medications



Oral Capsules and Tablets

- ❖ Capsules can stick to your pet's throat. If you notice this problem, try coating them in butter or olive oil to help the medication move through their throat easier.
- ❖ To hide a capsule from your dog try using a small amount of peanut butter or a tasty treat.
- ❖ Pill pockets can be purchased to allow you to easily hide capsules/tablets and trick your pet into thinking they are eating a treat.
- ❖ When giving your pet a capsule or tablet, hold their head around their cheek bones and quickly place the pill as far back on the tongue as you can reach. (For longer nosed dogs, hold them by their nose.) Close your pet's jaw, stroke their neck and blow a puff of air at their nose. This will encourage your pet to swallow the medication.



Oral Suspensions

- ❖ For smaller animals, especially cats, try wrapping your pet in a towel with only their head exposed.
- ❖ Rather than prying your pet's mouth open, try wiggling the syringe through the side of their mouth.