

Custom compounding

Here's what you need to know about your pet's custom medication.

Many medications are not designed specifically for pets, so your veterinary team needs to compound, or make, them to your pet's individual requirements. This allows your veterinary team to make sure your pet gets the right dose and strength, plus an easy-to-deliver method and a pet-pleasing taste.

- ▶ All medication comes with important instructions and warnings. Please follow all medication administration instructions carefully.

Administering medications

- ▶ Only licensed professionals can legally provide these medications, which are made at an outside pharmacy and shipped to your veterinary hospital. Your team will call when they're ready for pickup.

Oral tablets, pills, and capsules

Gently open your pet's mouth and place the tablet on the back of their tongue. Close their mouth again, and lightly massage their throat until you see them swallow.



Oral liquid medications

This may be messy, so be prepared. Draw the correct volume into an oral dose syringe. Then, while your pet's mouth is closed, insert the syringe tip into the side of their mouth—look for the convenient gap between their teeth—and slowly inject the liquid. Be sure to give your pet enough time to swallow.

Eye drops

Enlist a partner to hold your pet. They should gently pull your pet's head back until the pet's nose is pointing upward. Using the fingers of one hand to hold your pet's eye open, use the other hand to quickly squeeze the correct number of drops into your pet's eye.



Ear medication

Typically, ear medication is done after an ear cleaning. Gently pull up your pet's ear tip, squeeze the prescribed amount into the ear canal, then massage to distribute the medication.

- ▶ Pets can be wiggly. Your veterinary team will have additional tips on how to administer your pet's specific medication.



How to help your pet

- Administer all medications as prescribed
- Never alter your pet's medications, or share them with another pet
- Contact your veterinary team with any questions
- Need immediate advice? Ping Vet Chat™—included in all pet Optimum Wellness Plans®!

