



Applying Your Pet's Eye Drops

An Easy Step-by-Step Guide

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1 Gather your supplies.

- Eye drops prescribed by your veterinarian
- Warm water
- Cotton balls or soft cloth
- Rubber gloves (preferred)

2 Prepare.

- Check the beyond-use date of the medication.

It's important to not use the medication after this date.

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water.
- Use rubber gloves for an extra layer of protection.

3 Cleanse the eye area.

- If an animal needs eye drops, they are likely experiencing a condition that causes eye discharge. Gently wipe any debris from around their eyes with a cotton ball or soft cloth moistened with warm water. This will create a cleaner area which may help improve accuracy when applying the drops.

4 Apply drops.

- Have your pet sit or lie down in a comfortable position.
- Calmly approach your pet from the side or behind to avoid startling them.

- Hold your pet's head steady with one hand placed gently on their face or jaw.
- Gently pull down your pet's lower eyelid to create a pocket, and with the other hand, aim the dropper tip at the center of the eyeball.
- Squeeze out the prescribed number of drops, allowing the medicine to fall into the eyelid pocket while being careful not to let the dropper tip touch the eye.
- Release your pet's head and let them blink. This helps spread the medicine throughout their eye.
- If multiple drops are to be administered in one eye, unless otherwise directed by your veterinarian, wait 5 minutes between doses to allow the medication to be absorbed.
- Wipe away any excess with a cotton ball.

5 Aftercare.

- Praise your pet for being so brave and offer a tasty treat as a reward!
- It is common for your pet to blink repeatedly or paw their eye after administration. However, if this reaction is prolonged or the eye appears more inflamed or red, consult your veterinarian immediately.