



How Can I Medicate My Cat?

It requires some creativity but most times it is possible to get medicine into your cat!

Medication comes in many varieties such as capsules, tablets, oral suspensions, and powders.

*When Syringing Medications by Mouth- Make sure the cat is in an upright position
Always go gently and slowly, and never syringe OIL directly into the mouth

Capsule

Tip #1 Open cap and mix contents into wet food or anything kitty likes (tuna, meat baby food, sardines, ice cream, yogurt, etc.)

Tip # 2 Put in a pill pocket or pill masker and feed as a treat.

- only use enough pill pocket to cover the capsule (usually 1/3-1/2 of a pill pocket). They are less likely to be able to eat around the treat and spit out the medicine.
- crush a piece of kibble or favorite treat and roll the pill pocket/masker (with the capsule inside) in the crushed pieces.

Tip # 3 Open cap and mix contents with easy cheese (spray cheese in a can) or cream cheese and then wipe the mixture on your cat's fur. They will have to lick it off to groom themselves.

Tip #4 Use a pill popper to give directly. Available at our office or online.

Tip #5 Coat in butter before pilling

Tip #6 Open cap and mix contents with liquid (water, cat milk, tuna juice, cat food gravy) and then syringe it into your cat's mouth.

Tablet

Tip #1 Crush tab and mix contents into wet food or anything kitty likes (tuna, meat baby food, sardines, ice cream, yogurt, etc.)

Tip # 2 Put in a pill pocket or pill masker and feed as a treat with a few other treats surrounding it

- only use enough pill pocket to cover the pill (usually 1/3-1/2 of a pill pocket). They are less likely to be able to eat around the treat and spit out the pill.
- crush a piece of kibble or favorite treat and roll the pill pocket/masker (with the pill inside) in the crushed pieces

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Tip # 7 Place a bitter pill in an empty gelatin capsule to pill. This will prevent the cat from tasting the pill and then hypersalivating (drooling). Capsule size 3 and 4 work well for cats. They can be purchased on Amazon.com

Oral Suspension (liquid)

Always ask if the liquid can be mixed in food as some medications are inactivated that way and need to be placed directly in the mouth

Tip #1 Syringe directly into mouth

Tip # 2 Mix with flavored liquid (cat milk, tuna juice, cat food gravy) and then syringe it into mouth.

Tip # 3 Mix into wet food or anything kitty likes (tuna, meat babyfood, sardines, ice cream, yogurt, etc.) and serve.

Tip # 4 Place the liquid into empty gelatin capsules so they do not taste the liquid.

Powder

Tip # 1 Mix the powder with wet food or anything kitty likes (tuna, meat babyfood, sardines, ice cream, yogurt, etc.) and serve

Tip # 2 Sprinkle the dry food with the powder and add water to the food

Tip # 3 Put the powder into empty gelatin capsules and follow instructions above for pilling

Tip # 4 Mix powder with liquid (water, cat milk, tuna juice, cat food gravy) and syringe into cat

Tip # 5 Mix powder with easy cheese (spray cheese in a can) or cream cheese and then wipe the mixture on your cat's fur. They will have to lick it off to groom themselves.

Some medications are available as an injection or transdermal ear cream.

Shake N Bake instructions

Ingredients

1 packet of Purina Forti Flora SA

5-6 favorite dry treats



Directions

Crush 5-6 favorite dry treats into a powder then mix with 1 packet of Forti Flora SA.

To use with pills- Wrap pill in ½ pill pocket and then roll in the Shake N Bake mixture. Place pill pocket in dish with a few favorite treats and sprinkle a small amount of the Shake N Bake on top

To use as an appetite enhancer- Sprinkle Shake N Bake mixture on top of food (like seasoning food) and do not mix it into the food. Can be used on top of wet or dry food.

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Ideas for hiding medication



Empty Gelatin capsules size 3 or 4

Can get from amazon.com



Pill Popper