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GIVING YOUR CAT LIQUID MEDICATION:

If there are no dietary restrictions for your cat, a veterinarian may recommend giving the medication with food. Here are some tips:

1. Give a small amount of food without the medication to lower your cat's suspicion.
2. Mix the appropriate dose of medication with a small amount of canned food.
3. Do not mix the medication with the entire meal, since your cat may not finish their whole meal and will not receive the appropriate dose of medication.



If your cat does have dietary restrictions, will not accept the medication in food, or the medication cannot be taken with food, here are some tips:

1. Withdraw the appropriate amount of medication into a dropper or oral syringe.
2. In a regular voice, call your cat over to the place in which the medication will be administered.
3. Place your cat's back against something so that your cat cannot back away from you, for example placing your cat between your knees or against your chest. It may be helpful to wrap your cat in a blanket, with their head popping out.
4. Pick up the dropper or oral syringe with your dominant hand.
5. Using your other hand, gently grasp your cat's head from above with your thumb on one side of the hinge of the jaw and your fingers on the other.
6. Place the tip of the dropper or oral syringe into the mouth in the space right behind the long canine teeth (long front teeth).
7. Advance the tip of the dropper or oral syringe into the mouth until it is just past the teeth.
8. Slowly administer the medication, pausing in between each portion. If given too fast, your cat may not be able to swallow it. If your cat spits out some of the medication, do not re-administer another dose unless you feel that your cat has spit out the entire dose.
9. Hold your cat's mouth closed with their head in a normal position, allowing them to swallow more easily. Gently rub or blow on your cat's nose – this may stimulate your cat to lick his or her nose and swallow the medication.
10. Using a soft, moist cloth, wipe off any medication that may have gotten on your cat's face.
11. Stroking your cat, speaking softly, or giving your cat a treat afterwards may ease the process of administering the medication next time.
12. Rinse the dropper or oral syringe with tap water and store the medication in a cool, dry place (or refrigerator if necessary as stated on the prescription bottle).



Precautions:

- Excessive salivation may occur in some cats after receiving the medication. This is not harmful and should go away once the cat relaxes.

Disclaimer: We want your pet to get the most benefit from his or her medicine. This handout is a summary of useful information to help you understand your pet's medication and to administer it safely. Other information about this medicine may be important for you to know. Please talk with your veterinarian for more information and other special considerations for your specific pet.