How To Administer Eye Medications To Your Pet

1. Gather up all the eye medications that you are going to administer to your pet.

2. It is very important that once finished that you replace the top that goes with its original container. While using the medication, either leave the tops in a place where you won't confuse them with one another or preferably, open and use each medication and then immediately replace the container top. The second option works best when you have a helper available.

3. Call or catch your pet and calmly bring them to the area where you plan to give the drops. Relax! If you are anxious or nervous, your pet will be, too.

4. Firmly grasp the pet under the chin and lift its chin and eyes towards the ceiling. Position your other hand over the pet's head bringing the dropper bottle or ointment tube just above the eyes.

If you are giving eye drops:

5. Pull the lower eyelid down slightly.

6. Squeeze the eye drops into the inner corner of eye taking care not to touch the dropper to the eye surface.

7. Continue to hold the head back for a moment or two while the drops disperse over the whole eye surface.

8. Do not touch the eye itself with the dropper.

If you are giving eye ointment:

5. Be sure that the tip of the tube is pointed away from your pet's eye so that if they jerk, the tube tip will not injure the eye.

6. Pull the lower eyelid down slightly.

7. Squeeze a thin strip of the ointment along the inner side of the lower eyelid.

8. Have your pet blink and gently hold its eyelid shut; gently massage the closed eyelid to help disperse the ointment.

9. Your pet's vision will be blurry for a few minutes while the ointment melts. Watch your pet to make sure that it does not bump into things while its vision is blurred.