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How to medicate your cat!

Tablets

Step 1

- Place the pill between the thumb and index finger of one hand.
- Hold the top of the cat's head and grasp the cheekbones with the thumb and index finger of the other hand.

Step 2

- Tilt the head back until the cat's eyes are facing upward.
- Usually the cat's jaw will drop open on its own. If not, apply a little pressure on the lower jaw with your middle finger.
- Bring the pill to the cat's mouth.

Step 3

- Keep your middle finger over the small incisor teeth to keep jaw open.
- Deposit the pill as far back on the tongue as possible.
- Immediately close the mouth.

Step 4

- Gently stroke the throat or blow on the nose to encourage swallowing.
- Work fast to avoid being bitten.

Liquids & Syrups

Read the label for the proper dosage and, if instructed, shake the contents of the bottle.

Before starting

- Fill a syringe or dropper with the medication.

Step 1

- Hold the top of the cat's head and grasp the cheekbones with the thumb and index finger of the one hand while holding the syringe or dropper with the other hand.

Step 2

- Gently squirt the medication into the pouch between the teeth and cheek with the dropper or syringe

CASH BACK on Parasite Protection for your dog!

- **Comfortis** and **Panoramis** are the family friendly way to protect dogs from fleas (and worms with Panoramis) for a whole month.
- Most dogs will love the taste of the fast acting chewable tablets that provide rapid and lasting relief from fleas – and you'll love that Comfortis can't rub or wash off.
- If you purchase a 6 month pack of Comfortis or Panoramis from us during March, April or May you will receive a **\$10 EFTPOS card** back from Elanco.
- During March, also go in the draw to **win 'A Dog's Life' Hamper** to pamper your best friend including a **FREE** box COMFORTIS!

For more information on parasite protection call in or contact us on 4632 8333





WHY DO WE VACCINATE OUR PETS

One of the most important things you can do to give your dog or cat a long and healthy life is to ensure that they are vaccinated against common diseases. Your pet's mother gave her puppy or kitten immunity from disease for the first few weeks of their life by providing disease-fighting antibodies in her milk. After that period it's up to you, with the help and advice of TVH – to provide that protection.

Vaccines contain small quantities of altered or "killed" viruses, bacteria or other disease-causing organisms. When administered, they stimulate your pet's immune system to produce disease-fighting cells and proteins - or antibodies - to protect against disease.

So when should your pet be vaccinated?

- The immunity that a puppy or kitten gains from its mother's milk begins to diminish sometime after 6 weeks of age. It is then time to begin the initial vaccinations, usually a course of 2 or 3 injections given 4 weeks apart. Thereafter, your dog or cat will require repeat vaccinations at regular intervals for the rest of his or her life, generally this occurs annually.
- We believe that your pet should be protected against those diseases which are most common, highly contagious and which cause serious illness. The canine diseases could include Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Canine Parvovirus and Canine Tracheobronchitis (Kennel Cough). Dogs require an up to date C5 vaccination (which includes all of the above to go to a boarding kennel or participate in dog obedience classes).
- Feline diseases we vaccinate against include Feline Panleucopaenia, Feline Viral Rhinotracheitis, Feline Calicivirus, Feline Chlamydiosis and Feline Leukaemia. Other vaccinations, such as Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV), may be recommended, based on our evaluation of the risks posed by such factors as your cat's particular heredity, environment and lifestyle.

If you are unsure of your pets vaccination history or when their next shot is due phone us on 4632 8333 to check on their vaccination status.

Why won't you
vaccinate me?
It can save my life



We strongly recommend vaccination!

Did you know...

We offer a 24 hour emergency service?

By calling 4632 8333 at any time of day or night you will always be able to receive Veterinary advice and care from one of the Veterinarians you know and trust.



Staff Profile

Alison Pistorius

Alison joined the TVH family in June 2012 and has quickly become a valued member of our Veterinary Nursing team. Alison was born and raised in Zimbabwe where she owned a variety of pets from horses to monkeys on the family farm.

Alison's passion for working with animals strengthened when she moved to New Zealand where she completed her Veterinary Nursing training. Alison and her family relocated to Australia in 2009 and have made Toowoomba home. Alison and her husband Roy have 4 children, Wade, Lance, Travis and Amy and 3 furry kids, Bear a 2 year old Siberian Husky, and 2 cats, Inca an 8 year old Sphynx (a not so furry fur baby!) and 2 year old Monty.

