Dog Medication Checklist

A checklist to help dog owners give pills, liquids, and topical medicines safely and track every dose with their vet's guidance.

Before You Start

- [ ] Confirm the medicine, dose, and timing from your vet
- [ ] Check whether to give with or without food
- [ ] Read the label for special handling notes
- [ ] Gather treats, water, and any tools you need
- [ ] Choose a calm spot and stay relaxed

  Follow your vet's instructions exactly; never change a dose yourself

Giving Pills & Capsules

- [ ] Try hiding the pill in a treat or pill pocket
- [ ] If needed, gently place it at the back of the tongue
- [ ] Close the mouth and encourage a swallow
- [ ] Offer water or a treat to help it go down
- [ ] Confirm the pill was swallowed, not spit out

  Do not crush or split pills unless your vet says it is safe

Giving Liquid Medicine

- [ ] Shake or measure the liquid exactly as directed
- [ ] Use the supplied syringe or dropper for accuracy
- [ ] Aim into the cheek pouch, not the back of the throat
- [ ] Give slowly so your dog can swallow
- [ ] Wipe the mouth and praise your dog afterward

Applying Topicals & Ear/Eye Meds

- [ ] Wash your hands before and after applying
- [ ] Part the fur and apply to skin if directed
- [ ] Use the exact amount on the label
- [ ] Stop your dog from licking the area until dry
- [ ] Follow the steps for ear or eye drops carefully

Tracking Doses

- [ ] Log the date, time, and dose for each medicine
- [ ] Note who gave it when sharing duties
- [ ] Mark any missed or spit-out dose
- [ ] Record side effects like vomiting or low energy
- [ ] Bring the log to recheck appointments

  Do not double a dose to make up a missed one without vet advice

Storage & Refills

- [ ] Keep medicine in its original labeled container
- [ ] Store at the temperature the label requires
- [ ] Keep all products out of your dog's reach
- [ ] Order refills before you run out
- [ ] Dispose of expired or unused medicine safely

Important

- [ ] This checklist is general information for owners, not veterinary advice; only your vet can set the right medicine and dose for your dog, so always consult a licensed veterinarian

  If your dog has a bad reaction or you suspect an overdose, contact your vet or an emergency animal hospital immediately