

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