



Topical eye treatments

How to give eye drops and ointments

Your vet has prescribed an eye treatment for your pet. Eye products work directly on the surface of the eye, so they can treat the problem without affecting the rest of the body much. The label on your pet's medicine always comes first, so keep this with it and ask us anything you're unsure about.

What is it used for?

- Treating eye conditions such as infections, ulcers, dry eye, inflammation and glaucoma.
- Your pet's label will tell you exactly which product, how much and how often.

How quickly does it work?

- It varies: infections improve in days, while conditions like dry eye or glaucoma need long-term treatment.

How do I give it?

- Wash your hands and clean away any discharge with cooled boiled water and cotton wool.
- Tilt the head back, gently pull down the lower lid and apply without touching the tip to the eye.
- If using more than one product, wait about five minutes between them. Drops go in before ointments.
- Reward your pet with a treat afterwards.

What if I miss a dose?

- Give it when you remember, unless the next dose is nearly due. In that case skip the missed one.
- Never give two doses together to catch up.
- Always finish the full course, even if your pet seems better.

Possible side effects

- Brief stinging, blinking or redness.
- Cats may drool if they taste the drops.
- Some products blur vision for a short time.

Monitoring and check-ups

- Your vet will recheck the eye, often with stains, tear tests or pressure checks.

Important things to know

- Use each product only for the eye and pet it was prescribed for.
- Check the label for how long a bottle can be used once opened, and keep in the fridge if advised.
- Tell your vet about any other medicines, supplements or flea and worm treatments your pet has.
- Store safely out of reach of children and other pets. This medicine is for your pet only.

Your questions answered

- **Can I use old drops?** No. Opened bottles expire and may be the wrong medicine.
- **What if my pet won't let me?** Ask us for a demonstration or try a towel wrap.

Call us straight away on 01843 808344 (24/7) if:

- The eye becomes more painful, red or cloudy, or your pet keeps it shut.
- Your pet is rubbing or scratching at the eye.
- You notice any sudden change in your pet's vision.
- The eye looks cloudy, bulging or has a white or blue spot.

Mango's Top Tip

Short, calm and rewarding: that's the recipe for easy eye drops. Wrapping a wriggly cat in a towel can be a big help!