



Signs of illness, drug administration



Signs of illness:

If the dog's demeanor is bad, lethargic, dull, their eyes are not shiny, rather glassy. We should measure their temperature or offer them a few reward snacks. This will tell you right away if they have no appetite.

If a dog has a fever and no appetite, it is recommended to consult a veterinarian!

Since you don't know the dog's habits, it's definitely important to ask the owner, as there are calmer, more sleepy dogs who may seem lethargic or moody, even though there's nothing wrong with them, they're just not as active as their more playful companions.

Administering medicine to a dog:

Tablet, capsule:

 **Prepare** the medicine, in a quiet, calm place of the apartment where there are no distractions!

 Always carefully read the instructions about the dosing of the medicine.



🐾 Make the tablet **slippery** and **easy to swallow** with a small amount of margarine or butter, so it won't stick to the palate or get stuck in the throat.

🐾 Hold the medicine between the **thumb and forefinger** of our better hand.

🐾 With our other hand, carefully grasp the dog's upper jaw (jaw bone) behind the canine tooth, so that our thumb is on one side of the jaw bone and the other fingers are on the other side of the jaw bone, while using our fingers to push the skin of the lip to the chewing surface of the molars.

🐾 When we have a firm grip on the upper jaw, lift the dog's head towards the ceiling. This movement usually causes the lower jaw to open on its own. If this does not happen, we can help the opening of the mouth by pulling the dog's lower lip slightly downwards with the last three fingers of our hand (the tablet is between the thumb and forefinger).

🐾 The medicine is quickly placed **on the tongue as far back as possible**. If you manage to get the tablet behind the dorsum of the tongue, it will most likely be swallowed. At the same time, we cannot push our hands too far back in the direction of the throat, because it can trigger gagging.

🐾 Then close the dog's mouth and keep it closed while lowering the head back to its normal position.



🐾 "Gently rub the dog's throat or blow softly on its nose to trigger the swallowing reflex.

Gel medicine, paste:

This form of medicine is easier to administer. We can either apply small portions to their nose, where they can lick it off nicely, or we can also mix it into their food. However, in the latter case, they may not be willing to eat the food if the paste is particularly bitter or has an unpleasant smell. If neither method works, you can also push the paste into their mouth. In this case, pay attention to the amount of paste!

Here's how to do it:

🐾 Gently push the dosing tube into the mouth opening at the corner of the mouth, so that the opening of the tube faces the dog's throat.

-  Quickly squeeze a small amount into their mouth, then pull out the tube!
-  Keep the mouth closed for a few seconds so that the dog swallows!



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Tablet administration

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