



# Veterinary Ophthalmology Services

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## MEDICATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Medicate with solutions (drops) before ointments, and all artificial tears/lubricating medications should be used last.
2. Wait around 5 minutes in-between treatments that are scheduled for the same time. This will allow one medication to absorb before another is administered so they do not wash each other out.
3. It is best to get your pet up off the floor (if they are small enough) onto a table or counter when administering treatments.
4. Elevate the nose and tip it as straight up as possible, then pull down the lower lid. With the heel of your other hand, push up on the skin above the eye to bring the upper lid up. Make sure that drops make contact with the eyeball.
5. Ointments can be applied on the center of the inside of either the upper or lower eyelid. Open and close the eyelids gently to be sure the ointment covers the eyeball.
6. Always bring all medications with you for all follow-up appointments or surgery.
7. Always give medications the morning before your follow-up appointments unless otherwise directed.
8. **Continue all medications as prescribed unless the doctor instructs otherwise. THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!**
9. If medications are running low, please call our office to get a refill. Most drugs are also human medications and can be called into a pharmacy, or we can mail them to you with a credit card payment. If you call our office to have medications phoned into a pharmacy, please have the pharmacy name and telephone number available.
10. Medications may be returned for a full refund as long they still possess a manufacturer's seal and are within the expiration date. Because our compounded medications and any medication dispensed "by the pill" are not sealed by a manufacturer, we are unable to refund them. Our compounded medications include, but are not limited to Cyclosporine 2% Solution, Tacrolimus 0.02% Solution, Nalbuphine 1% Solution, EDTA 1% Solution, Demecarium Bromide 0.125% Solution, and Demecarium Bromide 0.25% Solution.
11. If you have any questions, problems, or if your pet experiences any difficulties with any of the medications prescribed, please call our office right away. (615) 776-2019