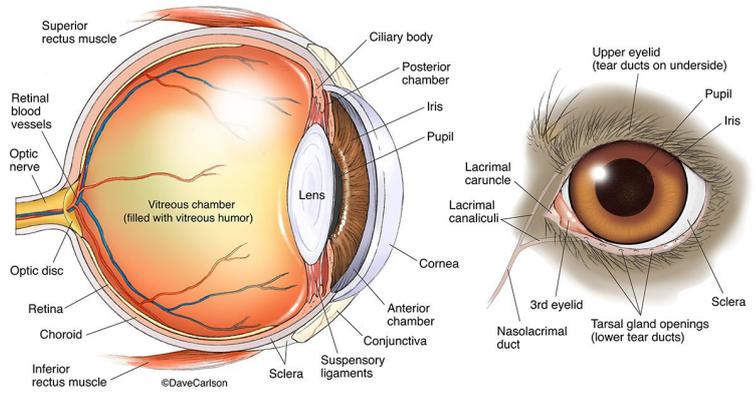


How to apply eye medications:

If your pet has been diagnosed with an eye infection, it is important to know how to apply the topical medication properly in order to:

- maximise the effect of the medications dispensed;
- minimise the chance of the infection returning;
- minimise the risk of further issues developing with the eye.



The eye is naturally lubricated and the eye ointments provided will work with that to ensure the medication gets to where it is needed.

Tips for successful eye treatment:

- Only try when your pet is calm. If they are pepped up from a walk or the like, wait until they are more relaxed before you start.
- Use treats! **Every. Single. Time.** Use something very tasty such as cooked chicken or fritz for dogs or canned tuna or sardines in springwater for cats. Medicating with eye ointments is not pleasant but food can go along way to convincing your pet otherwise.
- Take your time. Try not to apply eye meds when you are in too much of a hurry. Your pet will pick up on your agitation and will likely make the next treatment that much harder.
- If your pet is likely to run away at the sight of the eye medication, place them on a leash before hand.
- Usually having a second person to help makes the whole process easier, however eye treatments can still be administered alone.

Step 1: If you have a small dog or cat they can be positioned on your lap or on a bench to make application easier. Gently grasp your pet's head and tilt their face up so their eyes are easily visualized.

Step 2: Place the nozzle of the eye ointment above the eye surface—about 1 cm away should be close enough. Be sure not to touch the eye.

Step 3: Squeeze the ointment gently and apply to the eye surface. Some ointments are more liquid than others. If it is quite watery, one or two drops will do. If the ointment is thicker, apply approximately 1 cm across the eye surface. This is not an exact science, just as long as you have applied something!

Step 4: Close the pets eyelids gently to assist with dispersing the medication across the surface of the eye. If some leaves the eye surface, this is not a problem.

Step 5: Treat again!

Step 6: Using a cotton ball or swab you can wipe out any excess ointment away from around the eye.

Step 7: Follow up with the same process for the other eye if necessary.

If the vet has advised the use of a 'bucket' collar, please be sure to leave it on at all times. These collars are usually only used in cases of severe eye infections or ulcers. If the pet rubs at the surface of the eye during treatment they will likely cause more extensive damage which could then require specialist treatment.

We have now got instructional videos on our website with 'how to' guides for treatment.

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