

# What to know before medicating your pet



Your pet's well-being depends on his/her willingness to take medicine as prescribed.

Be sure to review the following medication checklist for your prescription.

## Medication details

- ✓ Name of medicine
- ✓ Type of medicine
- ✓ The condition it treats

## Directions

- ✓ Number of doses per day
- ✓ Time of day to give
- ✓ Quantity to give with each dose
- ✓ How long to continue medicine
- ✓ Administer with or without food

## Potential issues

- ✓ Medication interactions
- ✓ Food restrictions
- ✓ Common side effects
- ✓ Risks of not following recommendations
- ✓ When to call the veterinarian

## Administering instructions

- ✓ Keeping pets from spitting out pills
- ✓ Making pill time enjoyable
- ✓ How Greenies® Pill Pockets® treats can help

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# Risks of not giving medicine precisely as prescribed



Various health problems may arise or worsen if medication is not taken as prescribed. Check the chart below for possible implications or ask your veterinarian.

Condition	Common medicine types	Potential risks of not taking medicine
<b>Bacterial infections:</b> Abscess, bladder infection, respiratory condition	Antibiotics	– Incomplete cure or condition recurrence – Bacterial drug resistance
<b>Allergies:</b> Skin disorder, gastrointestinal condition	Antihistamines, cortosteroids, cyclosporine	– Persistent or recurring condition – Manifestation of allergy into asthma or inflammatory bowel disease
<b>Cardiovascular:</b> Heart disease, hypertension	Furosemide, diltiazem, benazepril, enalapril	– Worsening of condition, leading to system deterioration and shortened lifespan
<b>Pain:</b> Arthritis, post-surgical injury	Opioids, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAIDs)	– Unnecessary discomfort – Extended healing – Elevated pain
<b>Hormonal disorders:</b> Thyroid conditions, adrenal conditions	Tapazole, levothyroxine	– Weight imbalance – Decline in the overall health of the pet
<b>Parasites:</b> Fleas, heartworm, whipworm, roundworm	Lufenuron, milbemycin oxime, ivermectin	– Serious internal infections, discomfort and possible transmission to humans – Fleas on pet and in the living environment