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## **HELPFUL TIPS FOR ADMINISTERING EAR DROPS TO YOUR DOG**

Administering ear medications can often be challenging. Remember that your pet's ear(s) may be painful and that even a normally gentle and passive dog may respond by biting. You may need to muzzle your dog for this procedure.

- Warm the medication by standing the bottle in a bowl of warm water for a few minutes.
- Make sure you have carefully read the label and understand the prescription instructions.
- Squeeze the liquid medication into the dropper or prepare the squeeze bottle as directed.
- Gently pull the ear flap straight up using your other hand.
- Apply the prescribed number of drops into the ear canal while continuing to keep the ear flap elevated.
- Rub the base of the ear against the head in a circular motion. Be cautious and gentle as your dog may object to this procedure. You should hear a "squishing" sound as you massage the medication deep into the ear canal.
- Release the ear and let your dog shake its head. If the medication contains a wax solvent, debris will be dissolved so it can be shaken out.
- Make sure you give your dog plenty of praise throughout the procedure and offer a treat after giving the medication.

