

Got any tips?

The answers to pet ownership's most common obstacles are here! Every owner has had the trouble of trimming nails at home or giving medication. Here are a few tips from dvm360.com; have you any tips??

Feel free to send them in!

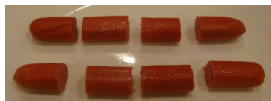


1.

Don't let pills or tablets get you down! Here are a few tips for getting Fido to take his/her oral medication.



- A glob of peanut butter around the pill or capsule works for most dogs. If your pup doesn't have a peanut allergy, try this the next time you need to give medication!



- If peanut butter isn't doing the trick, and your pup doesn't need hypoallergenic food, cut a hot dog into 3-4 pieces. Slit one piece and conceal the medicine inside. Give your dog a piece with out meds first. Then, give the one with medication and immediately give the last, non-medicated, piece.



- Food Allergies? Marshmallows are great to hide pills in for those sensitive to beef, chicken, etc.



2.

Nail trims may be a four-letter word in many households, but don't fret. **Trim a nail a day**, followed by their meal or a yummy treat. This way, you can help alleviate your pet's anxiety about nail trims. Little by little, you

will find you will be able to do more nails at a time! Don't know how much to cut? Be conservative. If then nails are clear, you can visualize the quick and not clip too close. For those dark nails, clip somewhat even to the paw pad. Again, if you are nervous, just clip a little at a time. Make sure you give a treat afterwards to associate nail trimming with something good.



3.

Having training woes? Try a **Gentle Leader** or **Halti**. Both of these are training tools that help with leash training (pulling, tugging, jumping) and have shown to help in basic commands (sit, down, come). Both products come with a training guide; if followed, the collars are great assets! Many people who try these collars report that their pet doesn't like it once it's on. The booklets have great suggestions to introduce the collar to your pet.



4.

If your dog gets terrified at the vet, it may help to bring them occasionally to just get treats. The more they come and see that they don't get vaccines each time, or even have to see the doctor, they will become less anxious with each visit. Sit for a while and have the staff give treats too to show your pup that the vet's office isn't all about gloom and doom.



5.

Does your cat head for the hills when they see the carrier get pulled from the closet? If you know you need to take your cat to the vet or they are going on a trip, set the carrier out the night before. If applicable, leave the carrier out and put a fluffy blanket inside. Feed your cat next to it, or even in it. This will show your kitty that the carrier is not a bad thing.

