

## Caring for Man's Best Friend

As any pet owner is well aware, animals can be extremely difficult to treat with medications. Cats are notorious for refusing to swallow pills, and usually will eat right around one disguised in food. Dosages can be very tricky with dogs— a dose of medication that works for an 80-pound Golden Retriever may be far too much for a six-pound Yorkie to handle. Large and exotic pets, such as horses, rabbits, birds, ferrets, and reptiles, pose many unique medication challenges. Hazle Compounding is equipped to help them all!

Just like their owners, animals are individual and unique. They come in different shapes and sizes, and may be sensitive to ingredients. As a result, not all commercially available medicines are appropriate for every pet. This is where the compounding pharmacists at Hazle Compounding can help.

Hazle Compounding works together with veterinarians and owners to provide the best care for your pet. We compound customized medications of the proper size, shape, consistency and flavor for each animal. Our specialized equipment allows us to prepare concentrated oral solutions; pastes; capsules; chewable treats; nail, hoof, and beak preparations; —just let us know what you need. We flavor medicine in tutti frutti for birds, banana for exotics, liver for dogs, tuna for cats. We have over 100 flavors to choose from.

As an alternative to oral administration, medications can be compounded into a cream or gel which can be applied to the inside of the ear or the inner surface of the leg or abdomen. The needed drug can then be absorbed through the skin.

Giving ear drops to an animal can also be very challenging. When your pet's ear is already inflamed, instilling a drop that

contains alcohol (as a preservative) may cause unnecessary burning. We can prepare an ear gel that will adhere better, or a drop without alcohol that will be much more pleasing.

Problems with licking? We can compound a bitter-tasting solution which can be sprayed onto a wound or over stitches to protect them.

Whatever challenge you incur with your furry friend, Hazle Compounding has the solution for you. Call us for more info.

***Bill Spear, R.Ph, CCN and our Staff of Veterinarian Experts  
at Hazle Compounding can provide solutions for  
your animal's medication problems  
Call 570-454-2958 for more information***