



Veterinary Specialist Group

GIVING HELIXOR UNDER THE SKIN

FILLING THE SYRINGE

Take the cap of the needle off the syringe and insert the needle into the vaccutainer. Draw up the amount of Helixor that you need into the syringe by pulling back on the plunger.

If you get more than you need for today's dose, place the needle back into the vaccutainer and push the plunger down to the amount that you need. Replace the cap on the needle.

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Take the cap of the needle off.

Hold the skin (along the back or shoulder region) away from the body making a tent. If possible, have someone hold your pet (if wriggly) while you give the injection.

Insert the needle into the skin tent, parallel to your pet's back. Do not have your fingers on the plunger at this stage, in case you accidentally inject the Helixor when you are not ready. You should push the needle in right up to the syringe – remember these needles are so fine that your pet probably won't even notice.

Maintain your hold on the skin tent, and push the plunger down on the syringe with your little finger (on the hand that inserted the needle), so that your other fingers are supporting the syringe.

Withdraw the needle and recap it. Give the area where you gave the Helixor a gentle massage. This is to aid in dispersing the medication, and also to check for a moist patch, where the medication may not have gone under the skin.

Do not let the needle come into any contact with any surfaces or your fingers, to avoid contamination.

Get a new syringe when the needle seems to be getting hard to push in.

HELPFUL HINT

Our pets are pretty intelligent creatures! They seem to learn pretty quickly when you are going to pester them. Learn to be secretive about drawing up the medication, and approach them as you would any other time.

Sometimes it can be useful to use your pet's routine to your advantage. For example, if your pet curls up on your knee every night, have the syringe ready by your chair beforehand and give it to them then, in such a way that they don't notice.

It is nice to give your pet a reward after the injection. For example, get a really tasty treat to give to them immediately afterwards, so they actually look forward to that time of the day.