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SUBCUTANEOUS INJECTION

- Remove needle cap carefully and insert needle in the middle of the rubber circle on the vial. Invert the bottle to draw up the required amount of medication.

Tip: If any bubbles are in the syringe, pulse syringe plunger to push bubble back into bottle, or flick syringe with finger.

- Carefully recap needle, pull the plunger down so the liquid is out of the needle hub, and twist off the syringe to put a new, sharper needle on.
- Slowly push liquid back into needle until a bead of liquid appears at the tip of the needle.
- Make a skin tent with three fingers (thumb, index, and middle) around shoulders/base of neck (scruff).

Tip: Use your non-dominant hand to create skin tent, and your dominant hand for injecting the needle. Try to have your skin tent hand facing the tail, and the needle facing the head, but ultimately, it is whatever works for you!

- Inject needle at 20-30 degree angle to body. Pull plunger back to check for negative pressure (if no negative pressure, or you notice blood in the syringe, withdraw needle and try again elsewhere). Maximum of two attempts per needle.

Tip: Hold the syringe however is most comfortable, but ensure your finger is not resting on the plunger, as you may waste or accidentally inject the medication when you are not ready!

- Inject medication and dispose of syringe with needle.

Needles can be kept at home and then disposed of at LVVC.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DWRYBjDi918> for feline
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pdJSVOhW7EA> for canine