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## **Syringe Feeding Your Cat**

### **Items needed:**

You  
Your kitty  
Your kitty's prescribed wet food  
Feeding syringe  
Cup

### **Directions:**

- Make sure you have everything set up where you and your kitty will be as comfortable as possible given the circumstance. You may need to blend moist food with water to get the smoothest possible consistency if you find little chunks of food are making it difficult to suction food into the syringe.
- Place your hand on top of their head with the thumb supporting underneath one cheekbone and the rest of your fingers below the other.
- Tilt your kitty's head so that their nose points to the ceiling.
- Using your free hand grab the feeding syringe, insert the tip of the syringe behind their canine tooth (there's naturally a bit of space behind it) and open the mouth by inserting the syringe further into the back of the mouth.
- Squirt a small amount onto the back of your kitty's tongue.
- Let your kitty swallow, and then repeat until instructed amount is syringe fed.
- Follow directions given by your doctor. Recheck with the doctor as instructed.

### **Tricks of the Trade:**

- For the wiggly kitties you can try wrapping them in a towel and make a "kitty burrito". We also sell and rent "cat bags" if they are still too wiggly for a towel.