

# **Pet Treatment Tips**

It can sometimes be a challenge to get your pet to take herbs and supplements. Here are some suggestions that we have found useful:

# Pills or Capsules

- 1. If your pet is a good eater, then just hiding them in the regular food may work. Most products can be given with food, but it is a good idea to ask if this is the case.
- 2. If necessary, try hiding them in a special treat such as grass-fed cheese (<a href="https://grasslandbeef.com">https://grasslandbeef.com</a>), healthy hot dogs, tripe, butter or coconut oil. If none of these work, you can try these commercially made products:
  - a. Meat Butter: <a href="https://www.danubeadornments.com/product-page/farmstead-meat-butter">https://www.danubeadornments.com/product-page/farmstead-meat-butter</a>
  - b. Pill Hiders: <a href="https://www.lordjameson.com/collections/pill-hiders">https://www.lordjameson.com/collections/pill-hiders</a> (please note that these are not recommended ingredients, so should be used as a last resort):
- 3. For the more adventurous, you can try this natural nut butter recipe:

#### **Nut Butter Pill Pockets**

¼ cup water

¼ cup smooth organic nut butter with no additives (we do not recommend peanut butter) ½ cup almond or coconut flour

- 1. In a small bowl, combine all ingredients and mix well
- 2. Line a baking sheet with wax paper
- 3. Scoop ½ teaspoon into balls and place on paper. Use the back end of a chopstick(or something similar) to form indentations in each ball
- 4. Store in the fridge for up to 1 week, or the freezer for up to 6 months

## Liquid

- 1. This can be put in the food directly, but may change the flavor so some pets may not tolerate the taste.
- 2. Giving it directly in the mouth apart from meals is usually the best option so there is no association with the regular food
- 3. Some products can be diluted to make the flavor more mild, but check with your practitioner on this one.

## Powder

- 1. Mixing in with the food is the easiest option if your pet does not mind the taste. If your pet stops eating, be sure to try a meal without the powder to assure that it is not just the taste of the herb that it doesn't like.
- 2. If your pet will not eat the herbs in the food, you can buy empty capsules and then hide in a treat as mentioned above (buying a capsule-filling kit makes this much easier). Then hide the capsules as in number one.