



Handling/vet practice/grooming DETAILS

Do socialization visits to vet office - staff can play/reward pup. No exam stuff unless required till it is solid with the bucket game.	
Teach bucket game! – start/stop button	
Physical Contact = treats/praise – all over and all positions – by me and others	
Make weird noises and motions while dog is on the grooming table	
Work in rubber gloves	
Have disinfectant odors/alcohol wipes in the area	
Targeting – to move the dog	
Nail trims - Scratch pipes (rougher grit and finer grit) PVC pipe cut in half with sandpaper taped inside it (curved shape gets nails more evenly)	
Use a towel with a treat under it to teach dog to scratch on cue	
Put towel over the scratch pipe	
Scratch with no towel	
Make high stool for front paws and angle a board to mark rear feet ‘trying to climb up’	
Get rear feet scratch action on cue even without the board	
Put scratch pipe in place	
NAIL CLIPPERS/dremmel	
Intro to lots of foot handling, esp. when laying on his side.	
Intro to tools (clippers and dremmel turned off) Have them visible while doing other training	
Intro to the sounds (cue then clip macaroni noodle and turn on the dremmel away from him)	
Grind a hard macaroni noodle or dowel rod for the sound	
Tap nail with clipper	
Touch foot with dremmel turned off and work up to turned on (to feel vibration)	
Touch nail with dremmel	
Clip/grind a tiny bit of a nail	
Gradually work up to getting more nails done, or stick with one nail per day.	
EARS	
Start with lots of handling, massage, and inspection	
Intro ear wipes, cotton balls, and Q-tips and using both hands on the dog	
Use ear cleaner solution as “drops”	
EYES	
Intro to wipes, a scope, staring into eyes, holding head and pulling lower lid down	
Ointment- Pull lower lid down to create a pocket and put the ointment in there	
Drops- pull lower eye skin down to create a pocket at the inner corner of the eye and put the drops in there	
Rest hand with the bottle on top of the dog’s head so it moves with the head and doesn’t poke the eye	



TEETH	
	Get comfortable with all handling of mouth
	Intro a tooth brush, finger brush and/or gauze pad wipe with doggy toothpaste on it
	Do one tooth between treats/breaks and gradually increase duration
OPEN MOUTH	
	Teach/cue “take it” (grab something I’m holding)- mark when dog is opening mouth to get it
	Cue take it with wide object- then switch to “teeth” cue
	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yMKem51uIVU
MEDICATIONS	
	Give meds right before a meal when dog is most hungry
	Pills- Put pill in a soft treat, give 2 non-pill treats, then the pill treat, then quickly give 2 more non-pill treats. Can practice with empty capsules and a hard treat inside a soft one
	Syringe- Use a syringe to deliver treats. When meds are needed, suck up liquid treat before getting the meds, and add treat on end of syringe
	Bitter things- Can teach pet to eat bitter things by using the methods above with a bit of lemon juice or olive. Always follow with a super tasty treat! Start by squirting plain water and follow with tasty liquid in 2 nd syringe. Bitter meds may be able to go into a capsule
	Teach dog to be good with having a pill put in their throat or syringe put in cheek pocket by doing this with treats. Start with handling to get mouth open or cheek positioned.
BLOOD DRAWS	
	Practice getting dog in position for blood draws from front legs, neck, and rear legs
	Intro tight rubber band “tied” on leg
	Have alcohol odor, then intro wipe
	Intro clippers and “shave” with guard on clippers

Rear leg blood draw location: (Squeeze with left hand, poke with right)

