HOW TO GIVE AN INJECTION





- 1. Sterilizing the skin with alcohol is not necessary and may cause pain for your pet.
- 2. Hold the syringe in your right hand (or left, if you are left-handed). As you become more comfortable, you'll discover the best way for you to hold it. Don't place your thumb on the plunger until the needle is in the skin. (See Figure 1)
- 3. Have someone hold your pet as you pick a fold of skin across your pet's shoulders with your free hand (pick a different spot each day).
- 4. Gently push the small needle through the pet's skin quickly. With an insulin needle, this should be easy and painless. Be careful to push the needle only through the fold of skin. (See Figure 2)
- 5. Pull back gently on the plunger to make sure no blood fills the syringe.
- 6. With your thumb on the plunger, push the plunger into the syringe until all the insulin has been injected.



- 7. Withdraw the needle from the pet's skin and immediately cover the needle with the needle quard.
- 8. Praise your pet for sitting quietly. A reward of your affection encourages cooperation.



