

# HOW TO CLEAN A CAT'S EARS

## IN 10 SIMPLE STEPS

Time for your cat's routine ear cleaning? Follow these 10 simple steps to make the process as painless as possible for both of you!



### 1 START BY GIVING SOME LOVE

Help her associate grooming with positive feelings by giving her some slow, gentle pets or a neck rub.



### 2 MASSAGE HER EARS

Using your thumb and forefinger, gently fold back one of her ears, just enough so you can get a good look inside the canal.



### 3 POSITION HER EAR

Gently tilt your cat's head so that the ear you want to clean is facing up and you have a good line of sight.



### 4 APPLY THE CLEANING SOLUTION

Slowly squeeze the cleaner into the ear canal. You want enough liquid that the ear canal is partially filled (less than half full).



### 5 HOLD HER HEAD AND MASSAGE THE EAR

Brace her head gently with one hand and with the other, use your thumb and forefinger to gently massage the outside of the base of her ear.



### 6 LET HER SHAKE!

Next is the messy part. Keep one hand on her body to keep her from taking off, but let go of her head and let her shake out the cleaner.



### 7 CLEAN UP THE EXCESS

Grab a [pet wipe](#) or use a clean towel to dry her off a bit and wipe away any cleaner that might have flung onto her (or you!).



### 8 CLEAN AROUND THE EAR

Dampen (don't soak) a cotton pad with ear cleaner. Gently wipe out the ear to remove debris, but don't go into the canal. Just clean up the surface.



### 9 REPEAT ON OTHER EAR

Repeat this process on her other ear. Always use a new, clean cotton pad to prevent transferring bacteria.



### 10 GIVE HER A MUCH-DESERVED TREAT!

End your grooming session with a [high-value treat](#), [her favourite toy](#), or even some much-loved head scratches will show her that she did a good job.

