

Intramuscular (IM) Injection Guide

- Intramuscular injections usually work within 15-20 minutes while oral medications may take up to an hour.
- After reading these instructions, if you do not feel comfortable giving an IM injection, call your veterinarian for assistance.
- Intramuscular injections are given in the neck or rump--**see highlighted areas on the images below.**
- Insert the needle perpendicular into the muscle. Attach the syringe and pull back on the plunger to check for blood. If you see blood, redirect the needle and pull back on the plunger again. Inject the full amount of medication into the muscle.
- Do not inject more than 10mls of medication per injection site.
- NEVER GIVE BANAMINE IN THE MUSCLE! Certain medications can cause severe reactions if given in the muscle-call if you are unsure whether the medication is safe for IM injection.

