

IS YOUR PET READY FOR A CLOSE-UP?

HOW TO TAKE GREAT SHOTS OR VIDEOS FOR YOUR PET FOR YOUR VET

A picture is worth a thousand words, especially when the patient can't talk. Telehealth for pet parents allows for better access to veterinary care, saves travel time and cost, and decreases stress for you and your pet.

Follow these tips to make the most of your telehealth appointment.

SET THE STAGE

- Offer treats to get your pet to cooperate.
- Ask someone to help by holding your pet or offering treats while you take the photo or video.
- Don't force your pet to do anything he or she does not want to do.
- If your pet is stressed, in pain or becomes aggressive, stop immediately.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Try these tips for better photos and videos.

- **Focus.** Blurry images are difficult to interpret, so take advantage of your device's auto-focus feature if it has one.
- **Lighting.** Photos or videos that are too dark are hard to read. Try to position your pet near a window or under good overhead lighting. A flash may help.
- **Multiple angles.** Take several photos from different angles to give us a complete picture of the problem.
- **Close-up.** Get as close as you can for something small, like a wound or lump. If possible, place a quarter or small ruler next to the problem for scale.
- **Step back.** While close-ups are great, take a few photos of your pet's entire body too so we can see just where the problem is located.

