

**Hip Injection:**

- Animal in lateral recumbency with leg approximately perpendicular to spine
- Place finger tips on greater trochanter (GT)
- Walk finger tips towards spine until index finger falls off end
- Insert needle off end of GT
- Aspirate for fluid or attempt to inject
- If joint is not encountered, walk needle tip towards GT then away from GT

**Three finger tips on greater trochanter (GT). Index finger just off end of GT.**



**Needle inserted off end of GT**

**Needle/Volume selection:**

Small/cat	23ga	1"	0.5 ml
Medium	22ga	1.5"	0.5 – 1.0 ml
Large	22ga	2.5"	1.0 – 1.5 ml
Giant	20ga	2.5-3.5"	1.5 – 2.0 ml