

How to give a cat a pill...

Pick up cat and cradle it in the crook of your left arm as if holding a baby. Position right forefinger and thumb on either side of cat's mouth and gently apply pressure to cheeks while holding pill in right hand. As cat opens mouth, pop pill into mouth. Allow cat to close mouth and swallow.

2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.

3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw soggy pill away.

4. Take new pill from foil wrap, cradle cat in left arm, holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for a count of ten.

5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call spouse in from the garden.

6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees, hold front and rear paws. Ignore low growls emitted by cat. Get spouse to hold head firmly with one hand while forcing wooden ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail. Get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy new ruler and repair curtains.

Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for gluing later.

8. Wrap cat in large towel and get spouse to lie on cat with head just visible from below armpit. Put pill in end of drinking straw, force mouth open with pencil and blow down drinking straw.

9. Check label to make sure pill not harmful to humans and drink one beer to take

taste away. Apply band-aid to spouse's forearm and remove blood from carpet with cold water and soap.

10. Retrieve cat from neighbor's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard, and close door onto neck, to leave head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with elastic band.

11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour shot, drink. Apply cold compress to cheek and check records for date of last tetanus shot. Apply whiskey compress to cheek to disinfect Toss back another shot. Throw tee-shirt away and fetch new one from bedroom.

12. Call fire department to retrieve the damn cat from the top of the tree across the road. Apologize to neighbor who crashed into fence while swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.

13. Using heavy-duty pruning gloves from shed, tie the little *&#%^^'s front paws to rear paws with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining table. Push pill into mouth followed by large piece of filet steak. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour two pints of water down throat to wash pill down.

14. Consume remainder of scotch. Get spouse to drive you to the emergency room. Sit quietly while doctor stitches fingers and forearm and removes pill remnants from right eye. Call furniture shop on way home to order new table.

15. Arrange for RSPCA to collect mutant cat from hell and call local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

How To Give A Dog A Pill

1. Wrap it in bacon.

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Artist of the Month: **Tim Borski** fly tyer and wildlife artist



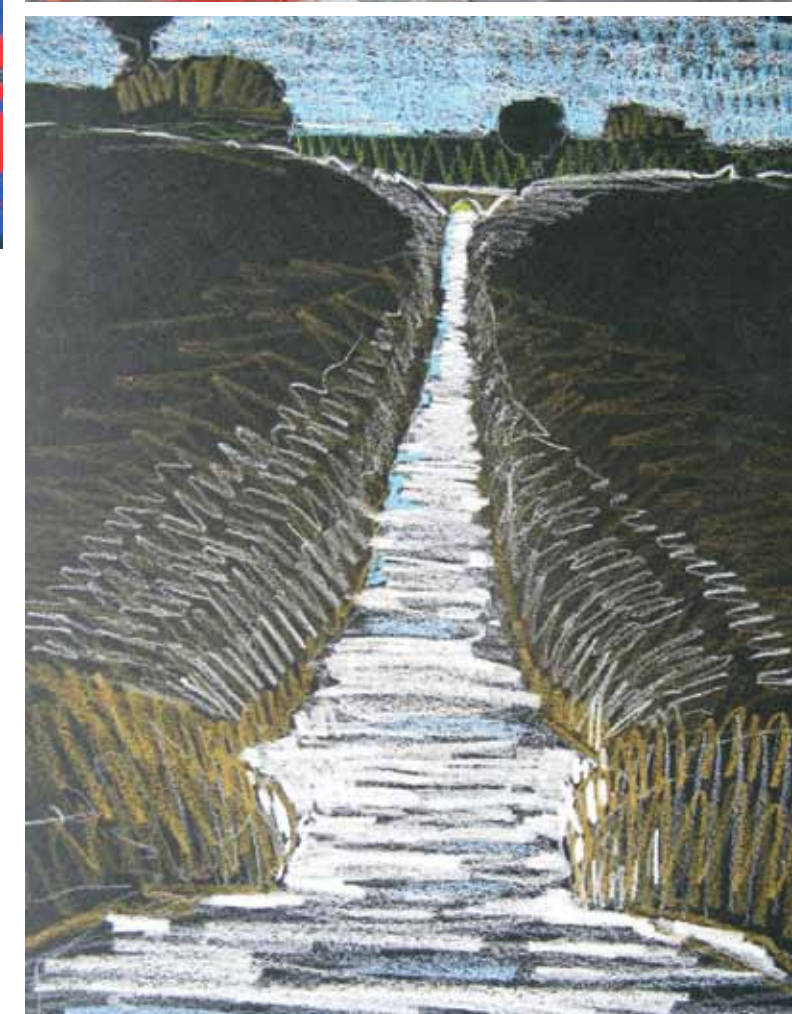
In December 2006, a group from Men's Journal magazine was at the Borski home in Islamorada photographing Tim in his art studio for an article on Keys characters (published in April 2007). This was the first time Tim was featured in a publication that had nothing to do with fishing.

Borski had humble beginnings in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and was basically on his own at age 17. Freezing in unheated cabins through several winters but enjoying ice fishing, friends and the folly of youth, Borski moved to Miami at age 23 and to the

Florida Keys shortly after that.

In the Keys, his propensity for recreating on canvas things he held dear in nature blossomed. Through fortunate circumstances, such as becoming a caretaker on Craig Key, he was able to develop as an artist without much concern for earning a living. A following for his watercolor paintings arose. With tournaments clamoring for his art as prizes for the successful anglers, he was able to sustain himself as an artist and an individual.

Branching into oils and acrylics, Borski constantly innovates. Borski was chosen as the 2015



International Game Fish Association Artist of the Year. He also earns art awards locally, such as first place in acrylics in a Purple Isles Art Guild Art Show for a typical Borski painting, entitled "Mr. Snook." It is a detailed, 30-by-40-inch painting of a fish on a bright orange-red background.

Tim, is also an entertaining writer. He wrote an article for a fly fishing magazine about a jaunt to Ixtapa, Mexico with the person who showed him how to tie his first fly, Frank Oblak of Miami. Tim went on to become a trademarked fly tyer with about a dozen patterns to his name. Additionally, Tim wrote fly tying articles for the quarterly publication, Redbone Journal.

Borski limits speaking engagements to a few a year because of his sons, Gus (13) and Josef (16), who are really fun to be around.

Tim's website is www.timborskiart.com, and he has an Etsy site full of print options as well.