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**SurgiVet**<sup>TM</sup>

# Feline Esophagostomy Tube

**For Veterinary Use Only**

Reusable

STERILE EO

Sterilized using ethylene oxide



Latex Free

**Rx  
ONLY**

For use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

## Description

The Feline Esophagostomy Tube is a radiopaque closed-end single lumen silicone catheter with distal side holes. The removable proximal fitting accepts standard luer lock syringes. See individual package label for product specifications.

## Function

The Feline Esophagostomy Tube is a catheter that is intended to be surgically placed into the lateral esophagus for the administration of enteral feeding solutions in cats.

## Instructions for Use

1. Inspect packaging for sterility. Remove product from package and visually inspect for any damage.

### **WARNING! Discard if product or packaging is damaged.**

2. Anesthetize the patient and position the patient in right lateral recumbency.
3. Pre-measure the catheter by holding it next to the patient and make a mark on the tube at the approximate location where it should enter the skin.

### **NOTE! Use either the eighth or thirteenth rib to determine the placement of the tip of the catheter.**

4. Clip and surgically prep mid-cervical esophageal area.
5. Pass a curved 5" hemostat through the mouth and into the esophagus. The tip should be pointed toward the patient's left and will be palpated in the mid cervical region dorsal to the jugular vein.
6. Cut down over the tip of the hemostat with a scalpel. Incise the skin and esophagus until the tip of the hemostat is exposed.
7. Pass the distal end of the tube down the esophagus. Use the hemostat to push the tube deep into the pharynx.
8. As the tube goes into the cranial esophagus, pull outward on the proximal end of the tube (the portion out of the skin) until the kink in the tube can be felt to turn around.
9. Advance the tube to the desired distance into the esophagus as indicated by the mark on the tube.
10. Confirm correct placement of catheter and then secure to the skin with suture.
11. Place protective bandage. The placement of an Elizabethan collar is recommended.

Reference: Manual of Clinical Procedures in the Dog, Cat, & Rabbit, 2nd Edition, Crow & Walshaw, 1997.


Reference: Instructions for Tube Feeding Anorectic Cats, Gary D. Norsworthy, DVM, DABVP, 1998.

### **WARNING! Failure to properly immobilize patient during procedure may result in serious injury and/or death.**

### **WARNING! Failure to place Elizabethan collar may result in dislodgement of the catheter or serious injury to the patient.**

### **WARNING! Follow local governing ordinances regarding disposal of sharps and biohazardous wastes.**

### **WARNING! Contraindications include, but are not limited to, pancreatitis, vomiting, or intestinal obstruction.**

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