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Ear Cleaning and Medicating

Ear Cleaning:

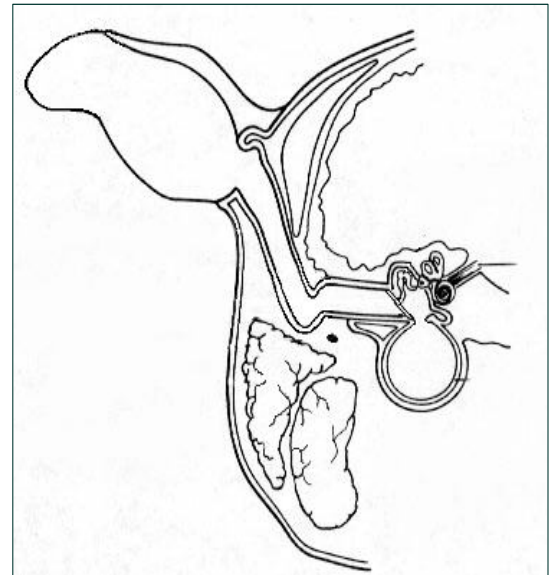
Grasp the tip of the ear and pull it straight up and slightly away from the head (towards you). Fill the ear with _____ until the liquid just starts to spill out of the ear canal. Some of the cleaning liquid can be rubbed on the ear flap for cleaning if necessary.

Place a cotton ball at the top of the ear canal. Gently grasp the ear cartilage at the base of the ear and gently squeeze or massage the ear canal. You should hear the cleanser "squish" in the ear. Continue the massage for up to one minute. Remove loose debris from the ear flap and entrance to the ear canal with a dry cotton ball or cotton swab. Let your dog shake his head to get rid of excess cleanser from the ear canal.

Repeat the cleaning procedure _____ times, _____ days per week.

Ear medication can be placed in the ear immediately after the cleaning procedure.

Never push cotton swabs down into the canal of the ear. This will force debris further into the ear. Use the swabs to clean debris only from those areas of the ear you can clearly see.



Medication Application:

Place _____ drops of _____ in the right / left / both ear(s) every _____ hours for _____ days.

After placing the medication in the ear, gently massage the ear canals as outlined above for the cleansing procedure. If you have enough medication in the ear, you will hear a "squishing" noise as you massage.

If the inner portion of the ear flap is involved, place half of the prescribed amount (noted above) in the ear canal and the other half on the involved portion of the ear flap. Spread the medication over the flap with your finger, ideally covered with a finger cot or rubber glove.

If medication and/or debris is accumulated on the ear flap, it can be washed away with a mild soap or shampoo whenever necessary. Prior to shampooing however, the opening to the ear canal should be plugged with dry cotton balls to prevent water from getting into the ear canals.

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