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# **PEG tube feeding directions**

Monitor for vomiting and call if needed 320-629-7591

Keep tube capped to prevent air intake between feedings. If he loses his cap a paper clip will work to pinch the tubing and stop air intake.

#### TO FEED

Remove cap, pinch tubing and flush slowly with 5 mls of warm water before all feedings.

Then feed specified amount of water and food slurry slowly in the tube. Any medications may be given in the tube with feedings also.

Always flush tube with 5 mls warm water before and after each feeding He currently weighs 13.2 pounds and needs a total intake of 400 mls of water a day.

## Feeding schedule

## Friday evening

Flush with 5mls water and feed 10 mls of A/D food then flush with water and cap tube. Try to give 2-3 more meals tonight if he allows it and has no vomiting or drooling. If vomiting develops it usually means we are feeding too much or too often and need to adjust the schedule, or decrease the amount fed.

## Day 1 Saturday

Mix 1/8 of a can of A/D with 20 mls of water and feed him. Use 5 mls of water to flush tube before and after feeding. Feed him this amount four times a day. He should have access to fresh water at all times to encourage flushing the mouth. He can have an additional 4 feedings of just 35 mls of water at different times during the day if he doesn't drool or vomit. If he does start to drool we need to decrease the volume we give to him per feeding or space them out more. We have to remember he really hasn't eaten for many days and his stomach is small and needs to get used to food and stretching again. Watch his litter box, we want him passing a lot of urine to keep healthy and heal.

## Day 2 Sunday

Flush tube with 5 mls water and then mix ¼ can A/D with 25 mls water and flush with 5 mls water again. Try 5 feedings this way today. He will need 225 mls of water in additional divided feedings

#### Day 3 Monday

Flush tube with 5 mls water and then mix 1/2 can of A/D with 50 mls of water and flush with 5 mls of water. Feed him 5 times a day this way. He will need 100 more mls in water in divided feedings today.

#### Day 4 Tuesday

For feeding give <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> can food with 75 mls water 4 times a day and continue with this until his recheck date. Give 100 mls more water in divided doses today

There is a black line on feeding tube. You should be able to see, and also the cross piece should be just at this level. If not, pull tube out until sung against body again.

CALL WITH ANY QUESTIONS 320-629-7591

Always keep dry kibble cat food down and fresh at all times to encourage him to eat on his own.

Return for a recheck in 2 weeks to talk over his progress and remove the feeding tube if he is eating on his own.

ANY QUESTIONS DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL.