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Directions for Sub-cutaneous Fluids

- Step 1: Hang the bag of fluids from a high location such as a clothes hanger.
- Step 2: It is usually easier to place the pet on an elevated area such as a table. (Large dogs can be done at floor level. An additional 'helper' would be recommended either way.)
- Step 3: Make sure there is not air in the fluid line - a few bubbles are okay! The bulb should be partially full of fluid. Open wheel to allow water to flow completely through line.
- Step 4: The needle should be placed in a skin tent between the shoulder blades. Try not to drag the needle through the skin, but also try not to go through to the other side. Direct the needle parallel to the body so as not to hit any muscles. **Use a new needle every time.**
- Step 5: Open fluid line by turning the wheel. There should be a nice steady stream. If not achieved, the needle or line can be moved around slightly to obtain this. Occasionally this will not work and the needle will need to be replaced in a different location.
- Step 6: Currently, _____mls of Fluids should be given _____ times weekly.

Please Note: Sometimes the injection site will leak after the needle has been removed. Just pinch the area. Don't worry if you see a little blood - it just means you passed through a small blood vessel.

Please contact us at 703-739-0000 with any further questions. Good Luck!

