



**The Spay Neuter Clinics of Texas**

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**Drain Tube Care Instructions**



**Your pet has received a drain tube today. Tonight, before retiring for the evening, please be sure to apply a warm, wet compress to the area for 10-15 minutes.**

- **Run your sink faucet until the water is very warm but not so warm that you cannot hold your arm under it for an extended period of time.**
- **Soak a hand or dish towel in the running water.**
- **Turn off the sink faucet.**
- **Ring (slightly) some of the water out of the towel so that the towel is still soaking wet but not dripping.**
- **Press the soaking wet towel on the drain tube area for 5 minutes forcing any accumulated liquid to drain out around the drain tube.**
- **Clean (gently, using the towel) any debris that has accumulated where the drain tube exits the skin.**
- **Repeat this process 3 - 4 times per day until the drain tube is evaluated.**

**The drain tube should be evaluated after 5 days. If you cannot return on the 5<sup>th</sup> day, return for drain tube evaluation as soon as possible after the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the drain tube being in place.**

**A drain tube has been placed so that fluid does not build up (accumulate) in the area where the drain tube is located. There will be no fluid that comes out of the tube itself. The fluid will come out of the hole in the skin that the drain tube passes through. It is important that after you apply the warm wet compress, you ensure that all of the debris that has accumulated at the exit site of the drain tube has been cleared away. This debris will cause the skin to stick to the drain tube and prevent fluid from flowing out.**