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SUBCUTANEOUS FLUIDS

To connect a new line to the bag:

1. Prepare the line by rolling the wheel to a closed position
2. Take the cap off the line and remove the white end from the bag of fluids
3. Insert the white end of the IV line into the bag
4. Squeeze the bulb of the IV line – to fill the bulb half full
5. Open the line (rolling the wheel to the open position) and fill the line with fluids

To give the cat/dog fluids:

1. Wrap your animal in a towel so that their head and shoulder area is exposed
2. Place the new needle on the IV line
3. Make a tent with the animal's skin over their shoulders
4. Insert the needle into the tent of the skin
5. Open the IV line and administer the amount of fluids directed by the doctor
6. Close the IV line, remove and discard the needle then place the sterile cap back onto the IV line

Congratulations! You have done it!

Notes:

1. Your animal will look like they are wearing shoulder pads. The fluids will droop to one side and down a leg and will be absorbed over 24-36 hours.
2. If some of the fluids or even a bit of blood leak out of the injections site, there is no need to worry.