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Subcutaneous Fluids

- ❑ You have been given a 1liter (1000ml) or ½ liter (500ml) bag of fluid. Microwave the fluids for 14 sec per 100 ml (2 min 20 seconds for a full 1L bag). To heat the bag, remove the drip set and set aside. Do not handle the white plastic tip once you remove the drip set from the fluid bag. Use care when placing the drip set on surfaces as the tip is sterile. Microwave the bag alone, removing the revolving plate and propping the bag against the side of the oven to prevent spillage.
- ❑ Make sure the fluids are comfortably warm. You can check the temperature by applying a few drops on your wrist, as you would with baby formula. If it is too hot, this could burn their tissues; if too cold, it may bring your pet's temperature down, which could make them sicker. Use your *best judgment*.
- ❑ Use a new needle each time you administer fluids.
- ❑ Drip set (Fluid line) should be changed after every THIRD bag.
- ❑ Please give _____cc/ml per day for _____days, and then give _____cc/ml _____times per week thereafter.
- ❑ Return in _____days/weeks/months to recheck bloodwork.

You can review the technique for administering SQ fluids on an internet video:

http://www.ehow.com/video_4945235_give-cats-subcutaneous-fluids.html

