

How to Bandage the Esophagosomy Tube in Place.

Supplies needed: Adhesive tape 1 inch wide, 2x2 gauze pad, blunt ended scissors, triple antibiotic ointment, No Sting Barrier Film™

- Apply No Sting Barrier Film™ to the non-haired skin. Skin must be clean and dry. Using the wipe, apply a uniform coating of film over the entire area of concern. Let the film dry (30 seconds)
- The e-tube is routed to the dorsal midline (the middle of the neck just in front of the shoulders). Care should be taken not to bend the tube sharply. See Figure 1.
- Place a 2x2 gauze with a split cut into it (so that it hugs the tube) with antibiotic ointment on it over the tube where it comes out of the neck.
- The plastic fitting is encircled with 1 inch wide adhesive tape. This is important because tape will not adhere to a silastic tube for more than a few days.
- Adhesive tape is used to encircle the neck to secure the e-tube to the neck. Do not get the tape so tight that the cat is uncomfortable. It is important that all of the e-tube except the plastic fitting be covered so the cat cannot get its foot in a loop of the e-tube and pull it out. See Figure 2.
- A final covering with a colored elastic bandage can be used to cover the adhesive tape. However, do not omit the adhesive tape because the main part of the bandage needs to adhere to the skin.



Figure 1: The beginning of the taping process. Note: The sticky side of the tape faces the skin of the neck. Start the process at the tube-plastic fitting. The tape must be anchored to the plastic fitting as shown



Figure 2: The taping is complete when only the end of the tube protrudes from under the tape. This protects the tube from dislodgement when the cat scratches at it. The tape is essential for secure anchoring of the bandage.

The tape (not the tube) should be changed every 1 to 2 weeks. The tape is cut along the right side of the neck to avoid cutting the e-tube. Clean the ostomy site. Reapply No Sting Barrier Film™ and retape as before.

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