

# One Idea for Peripheral Catheter Taping in a Veterinary Patient<sup>©</sup> (dog/cat)

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Please note:

- There is no perfect taping method
- There is no data nor studies for how to tape
- You won't be the first not like this method, but many do
- This is just a suggestion, not a rule/law/bible 😊

Follow up YouTube Video that talks about taping catheter: [VTT YouTube](#)

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# Some Guidelines When Choosing How to Tape<sup>®</sup>

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- 1) Be consistent in your hospital. Try not to have 1 million different methods as it makes it hard to remove/reposition catheters
- 2) Tab the tape on both ends. **TAB THE TAPE!**
- 3) Make sure each piece of tape has a function. You are trying to pull the catheter “up,” so it doesn’t fall down/out.
- 4) Make sure your method results in the catheter staying in, the patient remains comfortable (no puffy feet, no infection or inflammation) and the catheter remains patent

# What About the Insertion Site?

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No studies in veterinary medicine supporting covering it over with tape or triple antibiotic ointment or leaving it exposed.

No studies on what's the best method to prep your site either

Monitor what is working/not working at your hospital and adjust if you see catheter issues

Side Note: Most hospitals I've worked in use T-sets. Adjust this taping method if you do not have T-sets.

# The taping process...

Be sure to “tab” both ends of the tape!!

Secure a ½” piece of tape, sticky side up, to the hub of the catheter

Wrap completely around the leg



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Tuck a 1" piece of tape, sticky side down under the T-set port

Wrap the tape completely around the leg

Be careful to not cover the connection between T-set/Ext set & catheter hub



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Using a short, ½” piece of tape, secure the catheter by wrapping a “V” around the catheter hub (tension loop). Place it in FRONT of the T-set line, not behind it. This pulls the tension UP and helps the catheter from being pulled DOWN.

Again, be careful not to cover the connections

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# Wiggly Patient?



It may be helpful to attach the ½” piece of tape to the catheter hub before placing the catheter

- Pre-tape!

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