

Hydrotherapy protocol

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Hydrotherapy was recommended for your pet to treat an open wound.

Hydrotherapy simply means “water therapy” or “water treatment.”

The 2 secrets to hydrotherapy are using enough pressure and enough volume.

Here is how we suggest doing it:

- . Simply hose down the wound, ideally with a showerhead at the end of a flexible hose. This will provide the right amount of pressure.

- . If you don't have a showerhead at the end of a flexible hose, many stores will carry one for a few dollars. If that is absolutely impossible, a clean garden hose will do.

(in the Summertime, make sure to drain the hose before you use it on your pet. There is a risk of severe burns from scalding hot water!)

- . Each session should last 5 minutes – on the clock. This will provide a large volume.

- . Water should be lukewarm, or whatever your pet tolerates.

- . Then the entire area should be dried so it doesn't sit in water until the next session.

- . A plastic cone (E collar) should be worn 24/7 to prevent nasty bacteria from the tongue to end up in the wound. In addition, one single lick is enough to destroy thousands of healing cells.

- . If your pet can't lick the wound, then be careful there is no scratching with a back paw, which can cause some serious damage.

- . This should be done 3 to 4 times per day, and last 2 days AFTER the wound healed nicely.

Let us know if you have any questions.

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