



# Standard Operating Procedures



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Name of Policy:	Placement of a Urinary Catheter in a Male Dog	Departments:	ALL
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## Materials required:

- Urinary catheter in sterile wrap
- If using Foley catheter
  - sterile syringe containing sterile water for balloon inflation
- If the catheter will be indwelling:
  - sterile urinary collection system
  - suture materials
  - instruments
  - components for securing catheter
  - collection system
- Sterile drape
- Sterile gloves
- Exam gloves
- Clean gauze pads soaked in chlorhexidine
- Clean gauze pads soaked in water to rinse off the scrub
- 0.05% chlorhexidine solution and sterile syringe to use to flush
- Sterile lubricant
- Clippers
- Tape

## Procedure:

1. Ensure that only properly trained caregivers perform catheter insertion, and that sterility is maintained throughout.
2. Position the patient.
3. Determine the length of catheter needed to reach the bladder by measurement on the patient.
4. Clip hair to maintain an adequate hair-free zone adjacent to the opening of the prepuce.
5. Both assistant and technician placing urinary catheter perform hand hygiene and don clean exam gloves.
6. Wash off visible dirt.
7. Perform surgical scrub of the skin surrounding the prepuce; rinse off the scrub with water.
8. Flush the prepuce 5 times with 0.05% chlorhexidine solution.
9. Have an assistant extrude the penis and maintain it in that position until the catheter is placed.

10. Perform surgical prep of the extruded penis with 0.05% chlorhexidine solution.
11. Don sterile gloves.
12. Position drape to provide an adequate sterile field.
13. Remove catheter from sterile wrap.
14. If using a Foley, test the balloon via inflation of the appropriate amount of sterile water (noted on the catheter).
15. Sterilely mark the catheter or otherwise indicate the length needed to reach the bladder.
16. Lubricate the end of the catheter.
17. Insert the catheter into the penis and advance it into the bladder.
18. Verify correct position of catheter in the bladder and reposition if needed.
19. Inflate the Foley balloon if using a Foley catheter. If not using a Foley, then attach urinary catheter via finger trap suture method; you can also make a butterfly of tape and then suture this to the patient, but this does tend to get soiled and is difficult to clean.
20. If the catheter is to be indwelling, attach a sterile collection system; secure the catheter and the collection system to the patient to prevent urethral traction and catheter movement.

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**References:** *\*Extrapolated from Chapter 31 in Advanced Monitoring and Procedures for Small Animal Emergency and Critical Care by Burkitt-Creedon & Davis*