INSTRUCTIONS FOR EAR CLEANING (FLUSHING) AND MEDICATING

EAR CLEANING (FLUSHING)

Grasp the tip of the ear and pull it straight up and slightly away from the head (towards you).

Fill the ear with ____________ until the liquid just starts to spill out of the ear canal. Some of this ear cleaning solution can also be rubbed over the inner flap of the ear, to help cleanse this area, if necessary.

Grasp the ear cartilage at the base of the ear and gently squeeze and massage the ear canal. You should hear the medication “squish” in the ear. Continue the massaging for about a minute, then let your pet shake the cleaning solution from the ear.

Remove loose debris from the ear flap and entrance to the ear canal with a dry cotton ball or cotton tipped swabs. Never push cotton tipped swabs down in to the canal of the ear. This will force wax and debris further down in to the ear canal. Use the swabs to clean debris from areas that you can clearly see. You should always be able to see the tip of the cotton swab when using them for cleaning. Seeing the tip prevents you from advancing the swab to deeply in the ear.

Repeat the cleaning procedure ____________________________________________________________________________.

Your ear medication (see below) can be put in the ear about 10 minutes after the ear cleaning/flushing.

MEDICATION APPLICATION

Place _______ drops or _____ ml of __________________________ in the right / left / both ears

________________________ for ________________________ days.

After placing the medication in the ear, massage the ear canal as outlined above for the cleaning procedure. If you have enough medication in the ear, you will just begin to hear a “squishing” noise as you massage.

If the inner part of the ear flap is involved, place _________ drops or _________ ml on the involved part of the flap. Spread the medication over the ear flap with your finger (ideally covered with a rubber finger cot or a rubber glove). The entire affected area should be covered with a very thin layer of the medication.

If medication/debris is noted to accumulate on the flap part of the ear, it can be washed away with a shampoo whenever necessary. Prior to shampooing, however, the opening of the ear canal should be plugged with a dry cotton ball to prevent water from getting in to the ear canals.