Bladder Maintenance

Due to the nature of your pet's medical condition, and/or subsequent surgery, your pet may be unable to adequately empty his/her bladder. Always give your dog a good chance to pee naturally first (carry them to a suitable patch of ground outside if needed).

With your pet lying on his/her side place your hands behind the last ribs on both sides of your pet. If your pet is strong enough to support his/her own weight, this procedure may be accomplished with your pet standing.

You may find that this procedure works better for you if your hands are facing toward the front of the animal as opposed to facing the rear





Apply equal pressure inward while gently squeezing the bladder to expel the urine. Steady and even pressure usually works the best. There may be a delayed reaction until your pet urinates, so hold your pressure for 3-6 seconds before repositioning your hands.

Try to avoid digging in with your finger tips, instead using the flat part of your hand.

This procedure may be repeated as needed throughout the day. You should monitor the urinary output of your pet to determine whether the bladder is emptying sufficiently and also monitor your pet's bedding for evidence of urination.