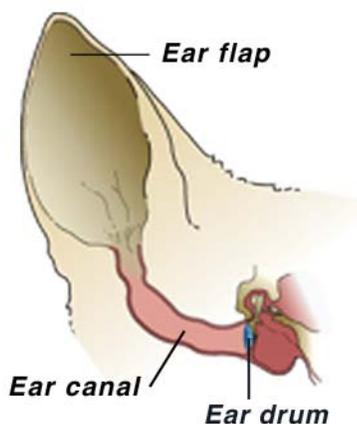


Ear Cleaning

The ear canals in our pets are L-shaped: they drop down vertically before turning in horizontally toward the animal's head. Getting at the bottom of the 'L' to clean it is difficult so we recommend flushing the ear canal with an ear cleaning solution to wash debris up to where it can be removed.



To clean the ears:

1. Insert the neck of the ear wash bottle into the ear canal and squeeze until you see fluid dripping out of the ear.
2. Take a cotton ball and place in the ear canal (not so far down that you lose it!) and massage the base of the ear from the outside. Discharge will stick to the cotton ball and you can then remove it.
3. Repeat flushing and cotton balls until there is no more discharge from the ear.
4. The folds and curves at the top of the ear can be wiped out with cotton balls or with q-tips (but never put q-tips down inside the ear canal)

Some tips on ear cleaning:

- Unless we instruct you otherwise: clean out the ears only as needed. **IF IT ISN'T BROKEN, DON'T FIX IT!** Check your pet's ears daily. If they look fine: leave them alone. If there is wax buildup, go ahead and clean them out as described above. Excessive cleaning of the ears can result in too much redness, itching and discomfort.
- After a cleaning, your pet's ears will be temporarily red and irritated for a few hours.
- Use only veterinary ear wash solution to clean out the ears unless we instruct you otherwise. These solutions help to get rid of wax more easily than water and are specifically made and tested to be used in ears. Each of them include ingredients to promote a healthy environment for the ear. Yeast and bacteria are likely to overgrow in dark, moist, acidic environments. Veterinary ear cleansing solutions are made to counteract these conditions.