



PRACTICAL TIPS FOR USE

DENTO-DORM® TRACHEAL-SPONGES

Before use, the appropriate **DENTO-DORM®** Tracheal-Sponge size can be determined on the sedated or pre-anaesthetised patient depending on the size of the oropharynx. When positioned straight, the sponge should fill and seal the entire oropharynx (see photo). This is achieved when the sponge is larger than the opening of the oropharynx. This ensures a firm fit and no possibility of swallowing.

The thicker large-pored sponges are suitable for larger dogs and the thinner small-pored sponges for small dogs and cats.

If necessary, two of the thinner sponges can be used on top of each other. When intubating, the sponge is pushed to the upper end of the tube (towards the user) so that the tube can be inserted with a clear view.

Then the sponge is pushed to the lower end of the tube, positioned with straight alignment deep in the oropharynx, and then blocks the tube. In the event of reflux or vomiting during anaesthesia, the sponge should be grasped with tweezers or a pean and pulled forward so that the throat can be cleaned. If the sponge has soaked up a lot of liquid, it should be squeezed out manually and can then be moved back into position. The tube does not need to be pulled out in order to do this. To avoid accidental swallowing, the sponge should be removed while still under anaesthesia or repositioned completely cranially at the base of the tube.

When working with a lot of water during dental treatment, it is also recommended to set the working table slightly inclined and to avoid directing the full jet of water directly into the oropharynx. At the end of the treatment, the tube and sponge are removed and the Tracheal-Sponge is squeezed well several times under running water.

The material of the Tracheal-Sponge can be placed in commercially available virucidal and bactericidal disinfectant solutions for several hours (e.g. overnight), whereby care must be taken to ensure that the sponge is thoroughly moistened by pressing it several times in the solution. The Tracheal-Sponges are not disinfected. We recommend disinfecting the Tracheal-Sponge before the 1st use. Allow sponge soak in the disinfectant solution for at least 20 minutes. Multiple autoclaving in sealed bags at standard settings of 1 bar and 121 degrees Celsius is also possible. This darkens the orange colour of the Tracheal-Sponge somewhat, but does not lead to a loss of quality. After several hours of disinfection bath, the sponge can be air dried and rinsed briefly with water before being used again. Clinical tests on bacteriological contamination in our German reference clinic have shown microbiological harmlessness using the above described methods.

We wish you pleasant work with your **DENTO-DORM®** Tracheal-Sponges.

The **DENTO-DORM®** Team.