

## Ear Cleanings at Home

<u>Step One</u>: Fill the ear canal with ear cleaner all the way to the top until the solution is spilling out.

<u>Step Two</u>: Massage the base of the ear for 30 seconds. You will hear a "squishing" sound.

<u>Step Three</u>: Stand back, let your pet shake their head, centrifugal force will pull the debris to the outside of the canal. If they don't shake, that is ok.

<u>Step Four</u>: Take a cotton ball and wipe out the excess debris from the ear. Please do not use a q-tip, this can damage your pets eardrum.

<u>Step Five</u>: If your veterinarian has prescribed an ear ointment to apply after cleaning the ears, you will want to wait about 15 minutes or more before applying the medication.

<u>Step Six</u>: When using the ear ointment, stick the whole applicator tip into the ear and give a gentle squeeze. You cannot use too much of this medication. It's better to use too much rather than too little.

