



FIGURE 8

Treatment of severe dehydration and hypovolemia requires a two-fold strategy. First, correct hypovolemia by rapidly delivering intravascular fluids and restoring the effective circulating volume. Once the hypovolemia has resolved, address dehydration with the slow and sustained delivery of intravascular fluids administered over 12-24 hours.

The 2024 Fluid Therapy Guidelines for Dogs and Cats are available at aaha.org/fluid-therapy.

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