2024 AAHA Fluid Therapy Guidelines for Dogs and Cats

FLUID THERAPY is a mainstay of veterinary practice, from...

- prescribing subcutaneous fluids for the kidney disease cat...
- to aiding the dehydrated parvovirus-positive pup...
- to supporting the patient under anesthesia.

SAIL THROUGH YOUR FLUID THERAPY CHOICES WITH THESE TIPS FROM THE GUIDELINES:

- FLUIDS ARE DRUGS prescribed to patients, and must be used in a way that achieves therapeutic goals and minimizes complications.
- ONE FLUID RATE DOES NOT FIX ALL. Each body fluid compartment—intracellular, interstitial, and intravascular—may require a different fluid prescription tailored to a patient’s individual needs.
- WATCH OUT FOR FLUID OVERLOAD! This is a life-threatening complication that can be caused by excessive fluid administration.
- For answers to your challenging fluid therapy questions, check out the 2024 AAHA Fluid Therapy Guidelines at aaha.org/fluid-therapy.

Knowing which type of fluid(s) to choose, how much to administer, and for how long can be choppy waters to navigate. The AAHA Fluid Therapy Guidelines can help you select the best plan for each individual patient.