



Instructions for use

Congratulations on using v-gel® – the product of choice for safe airway management during anaesthesia and resuscitation of veterinary patients.



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v-gel® rabbit PRODUCT WARRANTIES and WARRANTY LIMITATIONS

General: Users of rabbit v-gel® products should carefully familiarise themselves with these instructions. More detailed information and training videos can be accessed on our website at www.docsinnovent.com.

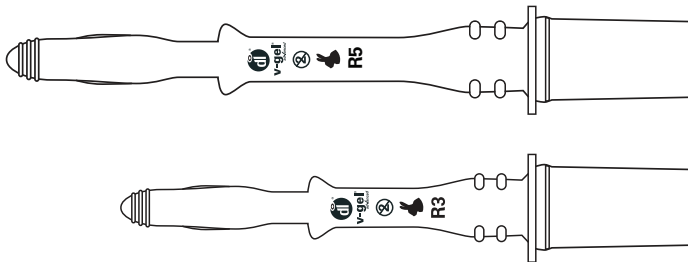
Important: Users must follow the recommendations as to handling and use of each rabbit v-gel® product. The product is designed to be used once only, after which it should be disposed of. Docsinnovent® and your supplier will accept no liability whatsoever where a user has failed to comply in all respects with these recommendations or where the use-by date has been exceeded.

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1. Docsinnovent Limited warrants that rabbit v-gel® products (a) conform to Docsinnovent’s published specifications, (b) are free from manufacturing defects and (c) are fit for their intended use and purpose.
2. Users claiming a product failure during use must report such failure in writing to your supplier immediately upon discovery. Your supplier or Docsinnovent will require a user claiming product failure to specify details of the claim and certify compliance in all respects with the recommendations of use set out below. The product must be available for return and analysis.
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RABBIT v-gel® Sizing Guide	Size	Ideal body weight of rabbit	Product code	PLEASE NOTE
<p>This table is intended to be a guide only.</p> <p>The right size v-gel® should be determined by the ideal body weight of the patient.</p>	R1	0.6 – 1.5kg (1.5 – 3.5lb)	D30001	
	R2	1 – 2kg (2 – 4.5lb)	D30002	
	R3	1.8 – 3.5kg (4 – 8lb)	D30003	
	R4	2.5 – 4kg (5 – 9lb)	D30004	
	R5	3.5 – 5kg (8 – 11lb)	D30005	
	R6	4.5kg+ (10lb+)	D30006	

These instructions are for guidance only. They are not intended to supersede best clinical practice employed by individual veterinary professionals. A careful assessment of risk and product choice should be made when working with rabbit patients.



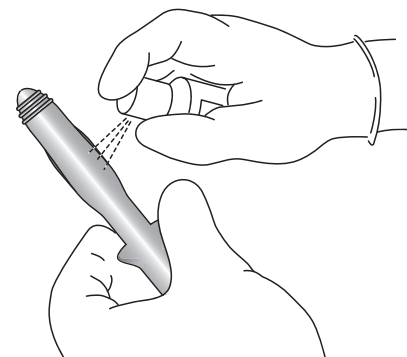
1 Choose the correct size for the rabbit according to the sizing chart above. Confirm correct size before insertion by measuring against the patient.



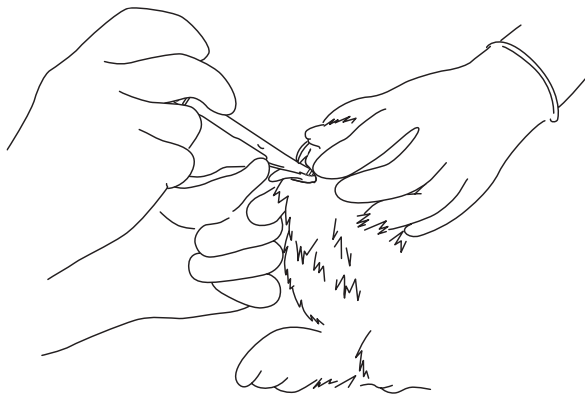
2 Ensure that the patient is pre-oxygenated and then fully anaesthetised to a surgical plane of anaesthesia (jaw relaxed, reflexes absent). It may be appropriate to apply an appropriate dose of topical local anaesthetic to the larynx, depending on the clinician’s assessment.



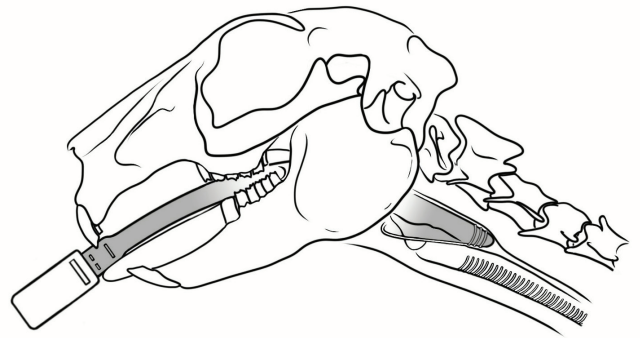
3 Withdraw the tongue and/or use a laryngoscope/otoscope to examine the mouth and pharynx of the patient. Remove any foreign materials and suction any excessive secretions that are seen.



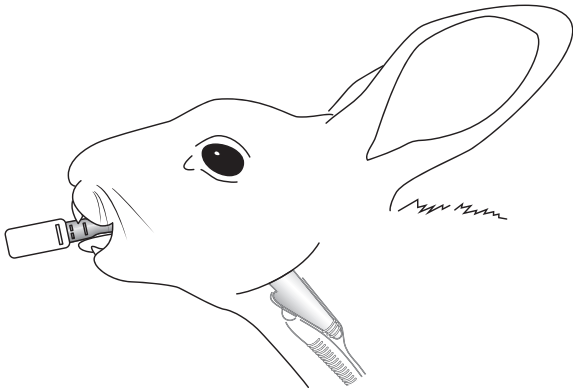
4 Lubricate the v-gel® with Vetlube® or similar water-based lubricant. Shake the bottle well and ensure all outer surfaces of the v-gel® bowl are covered with lubricant, without obstructing the airway channel.



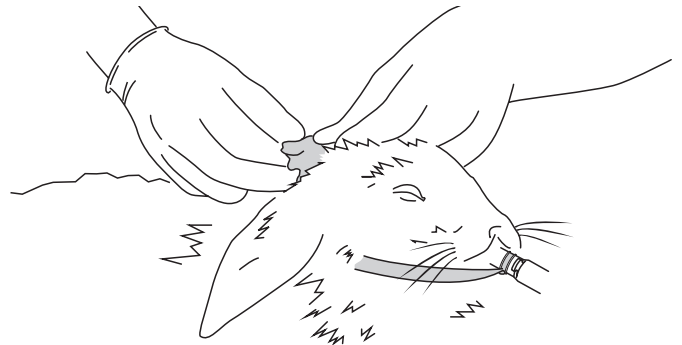
5 Holding the patient's tongue, insert the v-gel[®] by advancing gently along the hard palate with the open airway channel facing ventrally, towards the tongue.



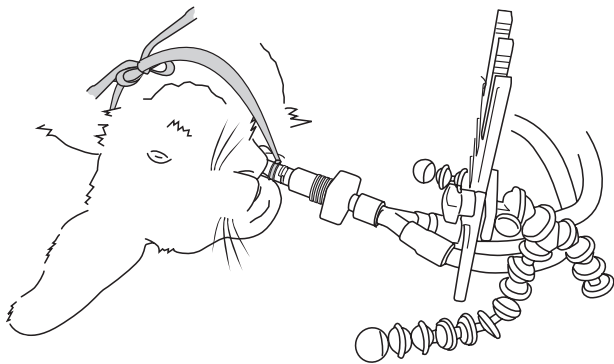
6 Gently advance the v-gel[®] into the pharynx. The v-gel[®] will be felt dropping into position.



7 The v-gel[®] should fit snugly in place with no rotational ability. Confirmation of correct placement should be determined by testing for a patent airway (for example, with a capnograph, gentle positive pressure ventilation or a respiration monitor).



8 The v-gel[®] should be secured into place by tying a gauze fabric strip onto the ring features around the device or the connector itself and around the back of the patient's head, thus allowing no rostral movement of the v-gel[®]. The v-gel[®] should be disconnected from the circuit whilst the patient is being repositioned or rotated.



9 Once the v-gel[®] is secure, the weight of the anaesthetic circuit should be supported. A D-grip[®] tube holder is a suitable device to assist.



10 Once the procedure is completed leave the rabbit to recover whilst connected to a source of oxygen. The gauze can be untied from the rabbit's head.



11 Once normal reflexes (such as swallowing reflex or ear flick) have returned, remove the v-gel[®] by gently pulling it out of the mouth. Check for and remove any oral or pharyngeal secretions that might block the airway after the v-gel[®] is removed. Recycle or dispose of the v-gel[®] according to local rules.



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