

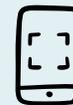
IV Catheter Size in Dogs and Cats

Catheter Size (gauge)	Maximum Flow Rate 	Approximate Patient Size
24	~20 mL/min (1,200 mL/hr)	Puppy, Toy Breed Dog, Kitten
22	~36 mL/min (2,160 mL/hr)	Small Breed Dog, Adult Cat
20	~60 mL/min (3,600 mL/hr)	Medium Breed Dog
18	~90 mL/min (5,400 mL/hr)	Large Breed Dog

Based on ideal body weight. Overweight patients do not have larger vessels.

IV catheter size based on patient size is used as a guideline only. **Select appropriate size that will not traumatize vessel or cause unnecessary patient discomfort.** Aseptic technique. Bevel facing upwards. Flush IV catheter every 4 hours unless hooked up to continuous IV fluid administration. Flush IV catheter using sterile normal saline or a sterile heparin solution. Monitor for phlebitis (inflammation of vessel), etc.

*Reconsider
"Going big or going home"!*



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