**Purpose:** Used in the evacuation of fluid from the digestive tract of animals, e.g. extraction of ruminal fluid for analysis, and in extreme clinical issues, e.g. colic in horses

**Directions for Use:**

Can be passed:

Nasally- Tube is lubricated and directed into ventral nasal passage, to the pharynx then passed into the oesophagus

Orally- Tube is passed gently yet firmly through the gag and behind the base of the tongue down the oesophagus

**Advantage(s):** Useful in acquiring appropriate amounts of ruminal fluid

**Disadvantage(s):** Damage to mucosa caused by tube to be considered; must be done properly since it’s strongly advised not to execute more than once on the same animal without waiting hours to days