# TEAT CISTERN INFUSION

The teat cistern may be infused with local anesthetic to assist in surgical conditions that only involve the mucous membranes (eg, removal of polyps). Before infusing the teat, the cistern should be milked out and the orifice thoroughly cleaned with alcohol. A tourniquet (rubber band) is then placed on the base of the teat with adequate tension to prevent leakage between the udder and teat cistern. A sterile teat cannula is introduced and approximately 10 mL of local anesthetic is infused to fill the teat. The teat cannula is removed, and the remaining anesthetic is milked out. Once the surgery is performed, the tourniquet is removed. The musculature and skin are not desensitized using this technique.