



VetMed: Cat Cystocentesis

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Outline–

- **Define the Problem**
 - What is the problem?
 - Why is it important that we find a solution?
- **Background Information**
- **Summary of Product Design Specification**
- **Design Alternatives**
 - Discussion of top three design alternatives
 - Design Matrix – Steps taken to determine which design alternative best meets the client and design requirements
- **Future Work**
- **Reference/Acknowledgements**

Problem Statement

- Delicate procedure that requires precision and accuracy
- Vet students lack confidence needed for performing procedures like these [1]

Our Goal:

- Develop a teaching model that allows veterinary students to practice Cystocentesis to assist in the learning of proper techniques that can be used when working with live animals

Importance of the Device:

- At the University of Wisconsin-Madison Veterinary School, there is currently no way for students to practice this procedure except on live animals or cadavers

Background

- **Quick procedure**
 - Collect sterile urine samples for testing
 - Relieve distended bladders
- **Cat position: held on side, back, or standing up**
- **Full procedure**
 - Palpate bladder
 - Visualize an “x” between last four nipples
 - Insert a needle with a syringe attached at 45 degree angle in center of the “x”
 - Aspirate urine
 - Release bladder and withdraw syringe



Teaching model at Universidad
de Buenos Aires

Summary of PDS

1. **Size and Weight:**

- a. Mimic average cat, 18 inches and 8 pounds [2], [3]
- b. Mimic the anatomical size of a feline bladder (~125 mL, 7 cm long / 5 cm diameter) [4], [5]

2. **Life in Service:**

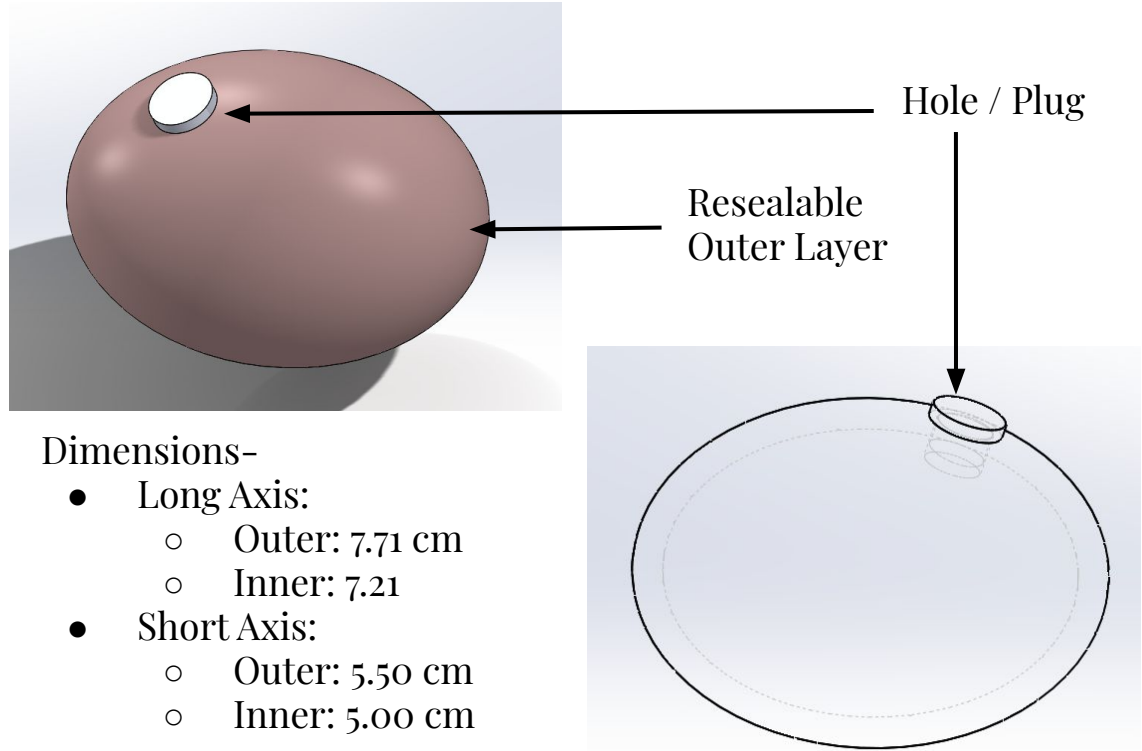
- a. Goal: 500 punctures/structure

3. **Materials:**

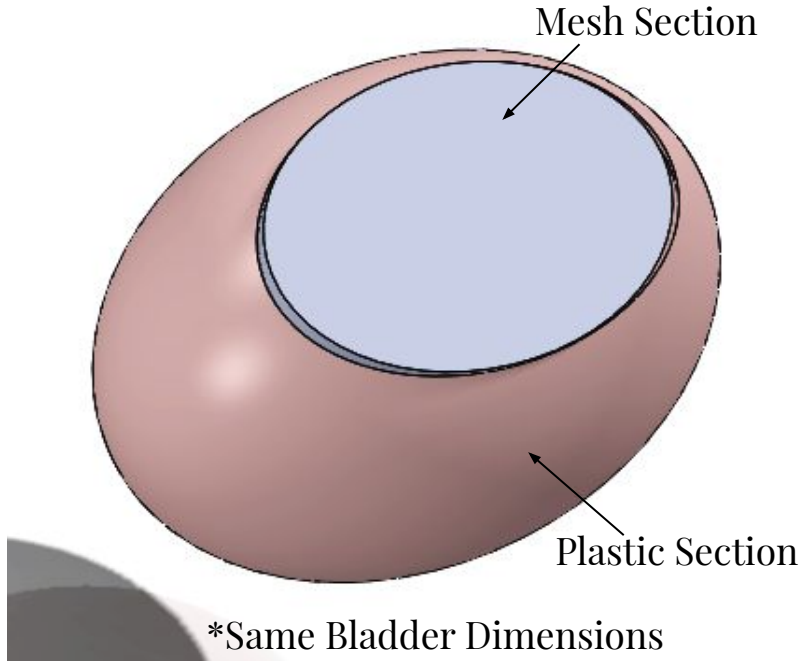
- a. Mimic mechanical properties of the tissue of a cat

Bladder Design- No Diaper Needed

- Self-Sealing
- Refill Only
- Disadvantages:
 - Needle must remain
 - Coat inside with a place to refill
 - Outside sealant has tricky application
 - Additional layers



Bladder Design- Frankenbladder



- Plastic Section: Holds Liquid
- Mesh Section: Punctionable
- Structural / Shape Integrity
- Disadvantages:
 - Only accessible from top
 - Hard to refill
 - Unsure connection viability

Bladder Design- Puzzle Pee-ces

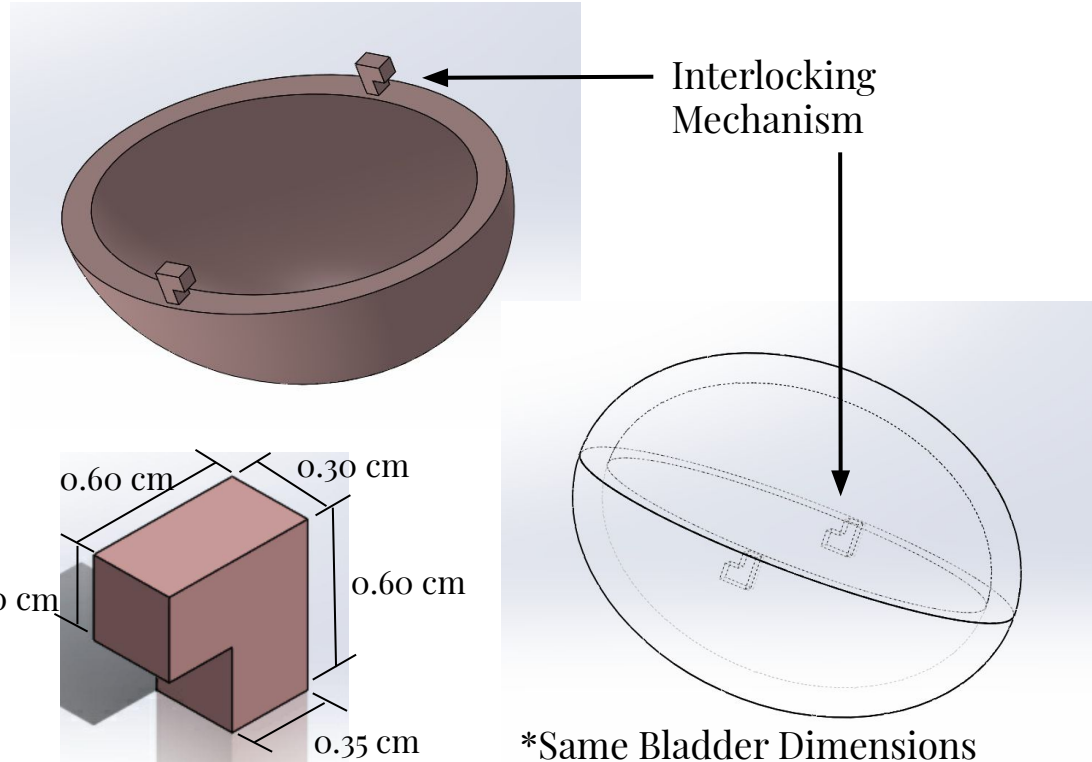
- Two Separate Halves

- Tissue mechanical properties
- Do not hold liquid
- Interlock

- Enclose water balloon

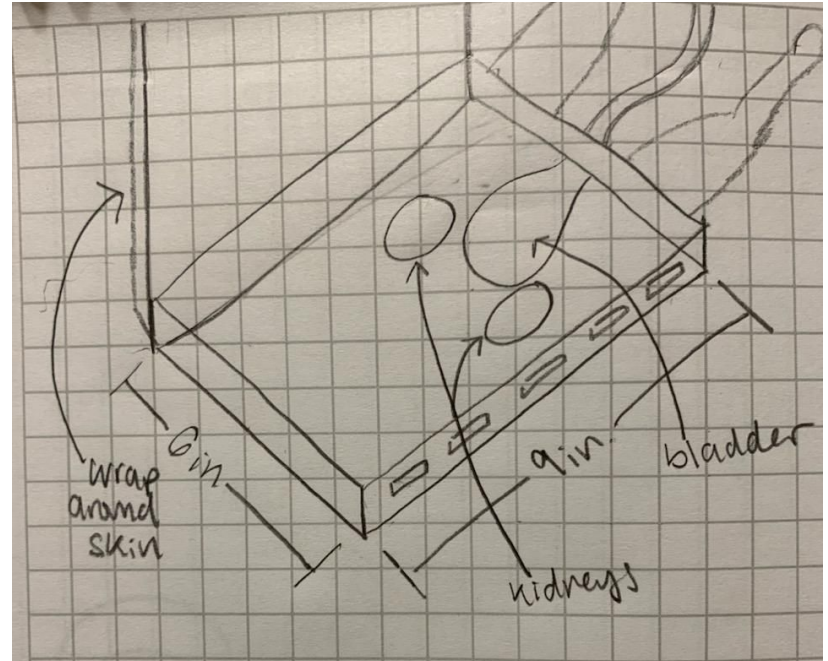
- Disadvantages:

- Replace semi-regularly
- Replace balloon every time
- Interlocking mechanism



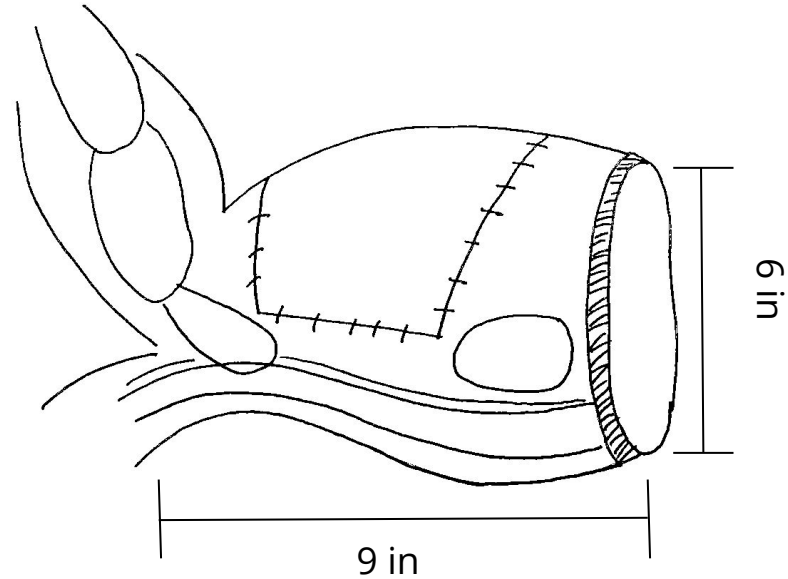
Structural Design - Wrap Around

- Easy to Store
- Customer Friendly
- Straightforward Fabrication
- Similar Internal Anatomy
- Disadvantages
 - Outer shape not similar to a cat body
 - Not able to turn the device on its side



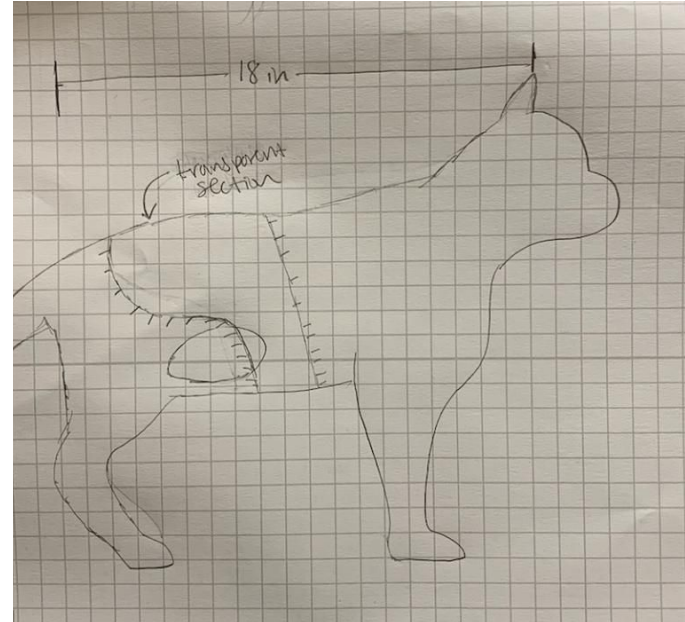
Structural Design – Kittens Get Stitches

- Realistic Shape and Movement
- Comparable Mechanical Properties
- Practice Side and Stomach Procedure
- Disadvantages
 - Complicated Fabrication
 - Difficulty in Storage



Structural Design – The Vision

- Option to View Procedure
- Realistic shape and size
- Low Production Cost
- Disadvantages
 - Complicated design
 - Difficult to store
 - Clear is not comparable to procedure



Bladder Design Matrix

Criteria (Weight)	Puzzle Pee-ces		Frankenbladder		No Diaper Needed	
Realism (25)	5	25	4	20	5	25
Ease of Use / Simplicity (20)	4	16	3	12	3	12
Easy to Store (15)	5	15	3	9	2	6
Ease of Fabrication (15)	3	9	1	3	1	3
Durability (15)	4	12	3	9	5	15
Cost (10)	4	8	4	8	2	4
Total Score (/100)	85		61		65	

Structural Design Matrix

Criteria (Weight)	Wrap Around		The Vision		Kittens Get Stitches	
Realism (25)	2	10	5	25	5	25
Ease of Use / Simplicity (20)	4	16	4	16	4	16
Easy to Store (15)	3	9	3	9	4	12
Ease of Fabrication (15)	4	12	1	3	3	9
Durability (15)	4	12	2	6	4	12
Cost (10)	3	6	5	10	4	8
Total Score (/100)	65		69		82	

Future Work

- Creating a “skin”
 - Ecoflex
 - Other plastics
- Puncturable balloons or materials
 - (Water) balloons
 - Vacuette caps
 - Sealant
- Bones and structural elements
 - CT scans
 - 3D printing
- Practicing the procedure
 - Vet School
 - Practice lab experience

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