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GP – 8: Guideline on Use of Elizabethan (E-) collar Checklist

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What are the circumstances for which an e-collar is needed?

- ___ wound or suture licking/biting
- ___ self-mutilation due to neuropathy
- ___ other: *(describe)*

Have underlying and treatable problems been eliminated?

Has the initial use of the collar and the duration been addressed?

Will the collar interfere with body function?

Has pain management and proper analgesic been addressed?

Is there a need to control irritation and/or itch?

Is the use and duration of an E-collar appropriately justified? Is there a description on alternatives to E-collar and why they are not appropriate? Cite references or include relevant data, especially if a pilot study has been performed comparing animals with E-collar vs those without.

Is there a description of research personnel training regarding the application and maintenance of the E-collar?

