



An ECG rhythm may be acquired by contacting the Veterinary Heart Monitor to the animal's chest or paws. (See also [On what animals can this device be used?](#))

When recording from the chest, lay the animal down on its right side. Wet the intended use area on the left side of the animal's chest with alcohol (no need to shave in most cases). Place the monitor at a diagonal (~45° angle) on the chest, parallel to and above the long axis of the heart. Orient the monitor so the iPhone's round button is closer to the animal's head for proper polarity, otherwise the ECG will be displayed upside down. Apply firm, even pressure during ECG collection. The chest recording is similar to the conventional Lead III.

When recording from the paws, place one paw on each of the monitor's electrodes. Orient the monitor so the iPhone's round button is closer to the animal's right side. If necessary, apply even pressure between the animal's paws and the monitor, but be sure not to directly touch the electrodes while doing so. The conventional Lead I is recorded.