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| **Blind Teat (Complete Obstruction of the Teat Orifice)** | |
| **Description** | * Can be congenital or acquired through trauma * Milk is present in the teat cistern down to the sphincter but is unable to pass through the teat canal. * Backflow of milk during palpation |
| **Procedure** | 1. Introduce an 18 gauge needle into the teat canal to create an opening where the orifice should be.   In some teats a large amount of firm connective tissue is present where the orifice should be located. Part of this may have to be removed with a curette or a reamer.   1. Place a teat dilator in the artificially made opening. This must be used for a few days until the opening becomes permanent. Remove the plug of the dilator for milking. |