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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
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| **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.
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