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**AEMV Forum****Successful Removal of a Tracheal Foreign Body Secondary to Nasogastric Tube Placement in a Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)**

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**Abstract**

**A 3-year-old spayed female rabbit developed chronic coughing and gagging after removal of a nasogastric tube placed for medical management of gastrointestinal stasis. Radiographs revealed a tubular structure that appeared to be located in the proximal trachea. The foreign body was removed using rigid tracheoscopy and determined to be the distal 15 cm of the nasogastric tube. The rabbit was discharged the same day and the owner reported that its clinical signs completely resolved after removal of the foreign body.**

**Key words:** rabbit; tracheal foreign body; nasogastric tube; tracheoscopy

A 3-year-old spayed female rabbit was referred for a suspected tracheal foreign body. The patient had been treated by its primary care veterinarian for gastrointestinal stasis 17 days prior to the referral visit. Management of the gastrointestinal stasis presentation at the referring veterinarian included the placement of a nasogastric tube (5 fr,

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