

Using Your Kane 5-Gallon Heated Dog Waterer

We believe the Kane Heated Dog Waterer to be the finest small animal heated waterer on the market. When properly maintained, it should give years of satisfactory service. We have had these waterers in our kennels since they were first introduced (in 2002) and cannot imagine going through a Michigan winter without one.

Over the years, we have learned a few operating tips which we wish to share with you. Follow these and you will grow to really appreciate the benefits of this fine device.

Tip #1: Keep the gasket inside the lid well lubricated!

There is a flat rubber gasket inside the black screw-on lid. This gasket can stick to the neck of the waterer making the lid difficult to unscrew. The trick is to keep this gasket well lubricated with petroleum jelly (eg., Vaseline). Do this EVERY time you unscrew the lid to fill the waterer.

We use a large disposable syringe, the kind which the needle comes off. Remove the needle and dispose of properly. Then fill the syringe with petroleum jelly and use it to apply a fine bead of lubricant all the way around the gasket. Or, you can just use a small dab on your finger to accomplish the same thing. Also, do not reef on the cover when you screw it on. Just snug it up.



Tip #2: Keep the heating element clean!

The heating element will eventually build up with lime and minerals. When this happens, the element cannot transfer the heat to the water as designed and the unit may frost up. We recommend cleaning the element once or twice a year, depending upon how nasty your water.

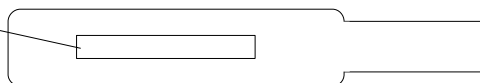
The simplest way to clean the element is to empty the waterer and dump in a gallon of white vinegar. Let sit for a few hours. For really heavy mineral deposits, you might have to lightly scrub the heating element with a scouring pad. You may also use other commercial household lime cleaners.

Rinse well before placing the waterer back in service.

Still having trouble removing the lid?

When we forget to lubricate the lid and it gets really stuck, we use a simple tool we made to do the job. Basically, it is a small paddle made out of a short piece (around 14 inches) of 1x4 pine. We cut a 1-inch wide slot in the middle of the paddle. This slot is just wide enough to slide over the handle on the lid. This tool gives the necessary leverage to unscrew belligerent lids quickly and easily...and without damaging the lid. You can screw an eye-hook on one end to hang on the kennel wire fence.

A 1-inch wide slot
about 6 inches long.



Paddle is made out of a 1x4
board about 14 inches long.
Exact size and shape is not
really important.