

CONMURRA SDF HYDROBATH

by FIDO'S®

Congratulations on the purchase of your new Conmurra SDF Hydrobath by Fido's. The instructions below are a guide to getting the best out of your hydrobath. Please feel free to contact us or visit our website www.fidos.com if you have any other questions or need further information.

INTRODUCTION TO THE HYDROBATH

The hydrobath is constructed of fibreglass. Fibreglass is lightweight, strong, durable and easily cleaned.

Underneath the floor of the hydrobath is a ¾ HP Davey chemical resistant pump, especially made for hydrobaths.

Built into the floor of the hydrobath is one tank. A heating element is inside this tank. When a dog is in the hydrobath a fibreglass lid is placed over the tank.

The controls are as follows: a switch to turn the heater on and off; a switch to turn the pump on and off; and a thermostat dial.

There are a number of ways in which the hydrobath can be used and each operator seems to adopt a way that suits them best. The basic premise involves pumping the warmed shampoo and water solution through the shower rose and recirculating this through the tank. The operator directs this pressurised solution through the dog's coat to remove dirt, fleas and excess sebum. The water is then changed to allow fresh heated water to be pumped from the tank through the shower rose to wash the shampoo out of the coat.

The dog is removed from the hydrobath and the dirty water is drained and replaced with fresh clean water, ready for the next dog.

The usual method of operation involves using a fresh shampoo and water solution for each dog.



SETTING UP YOUR HYDROBATH WHEN IT FIRST ARRIVES.

Connect the shower rose and hose.

Tie the white cloth filter onto the flanged outlet in the wash tank.

Check that the electrical plug is the right fit for your power socket.

PRODUCTS AVAILABLE FOR YOUR HYDROBATH



Fido's Shampoos & Rinses

A range of soap free shampoos, conditioners and rinses suitable for use with your hydrobath.

- Fido's Everyday Shampoo
- Fido's White and Bright Shampoo
- Fido's Black Gloss Shampoo
- Fido's Oatmeal & Baking Soda Shampoo
- Fido's Emu Oil Shampoo
- Fido's Tea Tree Oil Shampoo
- Fido's Crème Conditioner
- Fido's Herbal Shampoo
- Fido's Puppy and Kitten Shampoo
- Fido's Aloe Vera Shampoo
- Fido's Herbal Rinse
- Fido's Flea Shampoo
- Fido's Fre-Itch Rinse Concentrate
- Fido's Oatmeal Conditioner

Fido's Hydrobath Flush Disinfectant

A disinfectant especially formulated for use with the hydrobath.



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USING THE HYDROBATH

FILLING UP AND HEATING THE WATER IN THE HOLDING TANK

Plug the hydrobath into an electrical socket and turn the power on.

Fill the tank by directing a hose from an external water source over the tank. Make sure the drains to the outside (1, 9) and the outside tap (2) (if fitted) are closed before filling.

There is a heating element (3) inside the tank. Switch this element on using the heater switch (4) on the front of the hydrobath (slide the white plastic switch downwards). A thermostat (5) next to this switch allows you to select the desired water temperature. We recommend somewhere between 25 - 30 degrees Celsius. A cut off switch inside the tank turns the heating element off if you run the water level too low.

It may take 5-10 minutes for the water in the tank to heat up.

WASHING THE DOG

Pour your shampoo directly into the tank. About 20mL of undiluted Fido's shampoo is sufficient.

Slide the lid back over the tank.

Pull up the door. Put the dog inside the hydrobath. Replace the door.

Switch the pump on by moving the switch (6) downwards.

The pump will draw the shampoo mixed with water solution from the tank into the shower hose and rose. This is used to wash the dog then recirculates through two filters (7, 8) back into the tank and out the shower rose again.

Make sure that the drainage hole from the floor of the hydrobath back into the tank (10) is open to allow recirculation.

Also make sure that the drainage hole from the floor of the hydrobath to the outside (9) (by pass to waste drain) has a plug in it.

RINSING THE SHAMPOO SOLUTION OFF THE DOG

Some products do not need rinsing out of the coat with fresh water. Fido's Herbal Rinse and Fido's Fre Itch Rinse Concentrate are examples. If these products have been used then the job is complete at this point.

However most shampoo products do need rinsing out of the coat with fresh water so this next step is necessary.

The tank is emptied by either removing the plug in the bottom of the wash tank (1) or by opening the outside tap (2) (if attached). Gravity is generally enough to empty the wash tank so the pump doesn't have to be switched on. Replace the plug or close the outside drainage tap once empty. Make sure the heater is switched off during this process to avoid leaving the element on while not covered with water. A cut off switch should prevent this from happening but it is still advised to have the heater switched on only when the element is covered with water.

Fill the tank with fresh water from the outside water source, heat the water and circulate through the shower hose and rose to rinse the dog.

Remove the dog once finished and start the process again for the next dog.

Variations to the above process

A). If the dog is extra muddy or dirty it can be rinsed initially with fresh water, then washed with shampoo and water, then rinsed again with

fresh water. This initial rinse with fresh water is done by drawing water from the outside water source and having the by-pass to waste drain hole (9) open. This means the initial extra rinse does not go into the tank at all but drains straight to the outside.

B). The shampoo could be rinsed out of the coat using the outside water source and keeping the by-pass to waste drain hole (9) open.

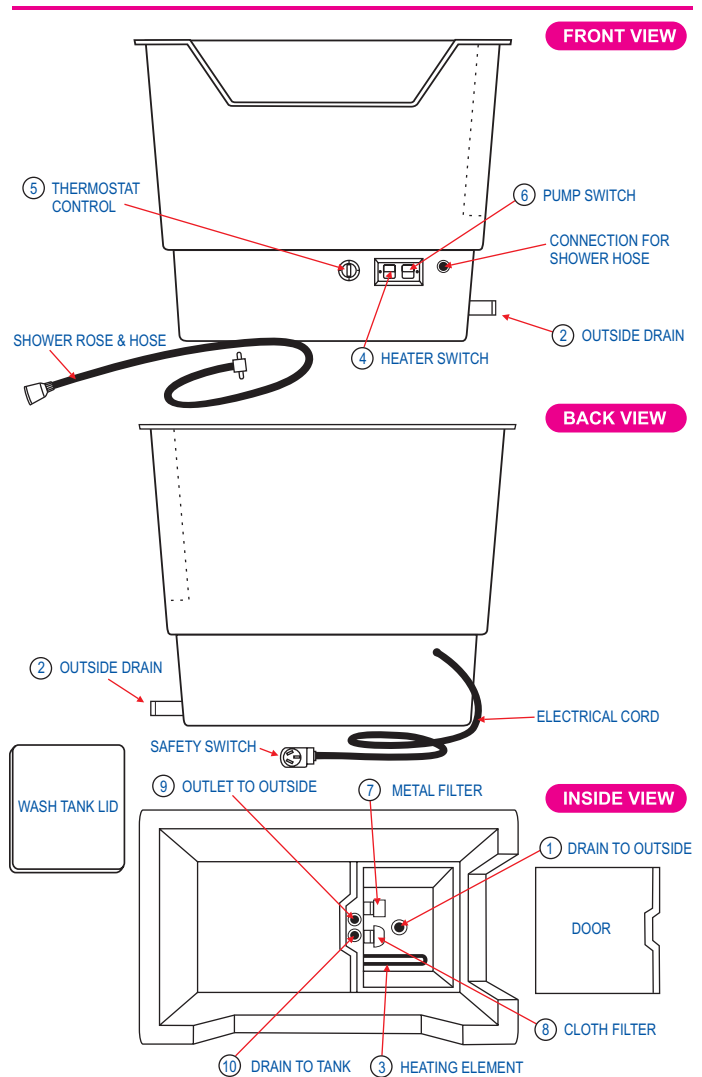
A water storage tank inside a van or trailer can be used instead of a garden tap.

GENERAL CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE

At the end of the day fill the tank with water, add Fido's Hydrobath Flush Disinfectant and run the pump for 15 seconds. This cleans the pump, shower rose and drain lines.

Clean the hair and debris from the white cloth filter (8) on a regular basis (daily if washing several dogs). Replace white cloth filters when necessary.

Clean the metal filter (7) once a week. Unscrew and clean with a brush.



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