Gastroscopy- Intra-operative

1) Make an incision from the xiphoid to the pubis.
2) Use retractors to retract the abdominal wall.
3) Inspect the entire gastrointestinal tract.
4) Exteriorize the stomach and isolate it from the remainder of abdominal contents using sterile swabs.
5) Place a couple of stay sutures in the wall of the stomach and let the assistant hold it.
6) Make a stab incision into the stomach wall where there are fewer blood vessels and capillaries in the ventral aspect of the stomach between the greater and lesser curvature.
7) Widen the incision with scissors.
8) Use suction to aspirate the stomach contents and then remove the foreign body.
9) Check gastric rumen for necrosis or perforation.
10) Close the stomach wall using absorbable suture material and a double layer of inverting sutures.
11) Lavage the surrounding abdominal organs.
12) Remove all swabs and count them to make sure none are left behind.
13) Close the skin incision appropriately.