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Bandage Care

Casts, splints, and bandages are placed in order to protect, support, and allow healing. It is very important that close monitoring and proper care is taken of the bandage for it to be effective.

Keep your pet confined while they are healing. If your pet goes outdoors, keep them on a leash at all times for as long as the bandage is on. Excessive activity during their recovery period can delay or prevent healing, and may cause the bandage to rub on the leg, resulting in sores. Just remember: you are not being cruel to your pet by keeping them confined. You are helping them to recover as quickly as possible.

Inspect the bandage at least once daily, and call us if you notice any of the following associated with the bandage:

- Moisture
- Odor
- Movement of the bandage
- Pain
- Wear and tear

Keeping the bandage dry is essential. If your pet has to go out where the ground is wet, keep the bandage dry by slipping a plastic bag over it and holding it in place with a rubber band or tape. You can also ask us for a used IV fluid bag-- these are thick and durable and very effective at protecting bandages on the feet.

If the bandage does get wet, it must be changed or the leg may become infected. Call us to schedule a same-day bandage change.

Some bandages completely cover the toes. But if the bottom end of these bandages becomes worn out from dragging on the ground, then the entire bandage may begin to slip down the leg. Call us if this happens and bring your pet in so it can be corrected.

If your pet seemed fine with the bandage at first, but then later begins chewing at it, you should bring them in as soon as possible. This may indicate that the area inside has become infected or the padding inside has bunched up and become too tight on the leg.

If needed, there are a few aids that can help prevent your pet from chewing at the bandage:

- Elizabethan Collar (E-Collar)
- Bite-not collar
- Inflatable collar

There is a charge for each bandage change that has to be done, so it will be less costly for you, and faster healing for your pet when you follow the care instructions for the bandage