



Bandage Care Instructions

- Your pet has been sent home with a bandage/splint today.
- Please keep the bandage dry and clean.
 - If it is wet/dirty outside, please put a baggie around the bottom of the bandage while walking outside.
 - Be sure to remove the baggie as soon as you get inside. Leaving the baggie on will cause moisture to build up inside and dampen the bandage (Paws sweat!).
 - Leash walk only for urination and defecation purposes.
- If the bandage gets wet or damaged, please bring your pet in to have the bandage changed.
 - Leaving a wet bandage on can cause chafing and cause bacteria to build up under the bandage both on the skin and the incision. This is both painful for the pet, prolongs healing time, and increases your cost.
 - Damage to the bandage can cause the arm/leg to get twisted in the bandage and cause the bone to heal incorrectly.
- Check the toes twice daily.
 - Please notify us right away if the toes feel cool/cold to the touch.
 - Also let us know if there is swelling. You will notice the toes starting to spread apart when there is swelling.
- Use an e-collar if your pet is chewing at the bandage.
- Bandages should be changed every 5-7 days or as directed by the veterinarian.
 - Again, bandages need to be changed sooner if they become wet or damaged.
- Please call us anytime with questions or concerns.

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