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## Bandage Care

Your pet's health and safety is very important to us! The following will instruct you on how to take care of your pet while their bandage is in place.

The bandage/splint must be kept clean and dry at all times.<sup>4</sup>

If the ground is wet, the bandage/splint must be covered with a water-proof cover such as a Medi-Paw or plastic bootie provided by the hospital. This should be removed when your pet is back inside to prevent moisture from building up inside the bandage.

If they are exposed, toes under the bandage/splint should be checked twice daily for signs or swelling (indicated by separation of the visible toe nails or toes that are cold to the touch), or dampness. If either of these occurs, please call to schedule a recheck as soon as possible for a bandage change.

There should be no odor coming from the bandage/splint. If one is noticed, call to schedule a recheck for a bandage change.

Check around the top and bottom edges of the bandage daily for wounds. If any are developing, call to schedule a recheck to bring your pet in for a bandage change.

Do not allow your pet to lick or chew at their bandage. They will be going home with an Elizabethan collar (e-collar) that will need to be worn to prevent this.

Your pet should not be allowed to run loose inside or outside. Follow the confinement instructions given to you at the time of discharge, and always use a leash for outside walks.

If you notice a sudden change in your pet's behavior, such as reluctance to use the injured limb, vocalizing, aggressive chewing at the bandage/splint, etc., please call the office at (413)253-8001.

**NEVER USE A RUBBER BAND TO SECURE BANDAGING!!!!**