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Caring for Your Pet's Cast/Splint or Bandage

Following the below instructions is vital to your pet's injury healing properly and will save you time and money by eliminating extra involved care and unnecessary visits back to the clinic.

- #1: Keep it dry.**
A wet bandage must be changed as soon as possible.
- #2: Check toes daily for warmth and swelling.**
Swollen toes indicate that the wrapping may too tight and must be adjusted, call us.
- #3: Leash walking only.**
This should be done on no less than a six-foot leash.
NO off-leash activity.
- #4: Absolutely no swimming or wading.**
Again, wet bandages are no good.
- #5: Cover the foot each time your pet is walked on a leash outside to keep it from getting dirty & wet.**
- #6: Keep the Elizabethan Collar/cone on your pet at ALL TIMES!**
The importance of this cannot be stressed enough.
If you've ever had a cast, you know how itchy they can be.
Your pet will chew on their bandages/cast if given the opportunity, which means it may get wet or destroyed.
- #7: Watch closely for any discharge or odd smells.**
Call us if you notice anything concerning.
- #8: Decrease your pet's food intake to avoid excessive weight gain and hyperactivity from too many calories.**
- #9: Finish all medications as prescribed.**
Never adjust or stop any medications without talking to your vet first.
- #10: Keep all follow up appointments for wrap or casting changes.**

Do not hesitate to call with any questions! We are here to help you and your pets!