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BANDAGE HOMECARE INSTRUCTIONS

Please examine the bandage daily, watching for signs of swelling above and below the bandage and feeling the toes twice daily to ensure there is good sensation and that the toes are warm and not swollen. If the bandage becomes wet or slips from its original position, it may not perform its intended function and may even harm the limb by creating sores or cutting off the blood supply. The bandage needs to remain dry at all times. If there is a need to go outside during wet weather, a plastic bag or wrap must be placed over the bandage to keep it dry. The covering should be removed from the bandage except while outside because the plastic bag will cause moisture to accumulate within the bandage. If any abnormalities are noted please schedule a recheck appointment with our office or your family veterinarian to have the bandage changed as soon as possible.

If any of the following situations occur, please schedule an appointment with our hospital or with your family veterinarian the same day the problem is discovered.

- A major change in the position of the bandage
- Chewing on the bandage
- Signs of persistent discomfort
- Any unusual or foul odor coming from the bandage
- Any unexplained soiling of the bandage (may be coming from the limb)
- Any sores that develop at the top or bottom of the bandage
- Swelling of the toes or the portion of the limb above the bandage
- The bandage gets wet, even if from licking

Bandages can be somewhat uncomfortable for your pet; minor licking can be expected. A few animals will persist in trying to remove or destroy bandages and will need to be rechecked and fitted with an Elizabethan collar. If there are any signs of problems, it is always best to consult with our office or your family veterinarian right away.