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Bandage, Splint and Cast Care Instructions

It is of extreme importance that the splint, cast or bandage is well cared for at all times by you, the pet owner. While this splint, cast or bandage is in place, a veterinarian should evaluate it weekly.

It should be realized that under certain conditions (getting wet, slippage from its original position, ect.) the splint or cast may **NOT** perform its function properly or may even cause severe damage to the affected area. Examine the splint or cast daily. Watch for swelling of the leg above the splint and check daily that the toes have not become swollen.

No splint or cast can be worn in complete comfort by your pet and minor licking and chewing are to be expected. A few pets will persist in damaging even the most carefully made and fitted splints or casts.

Keep the splint or cast dry at all times. If your pet must go outside during wet weather, a plastic bag can be used to keep the splint or cast dry. However, be sure to remove it immediately upon returning inside.

If any of the following events occur, please notify us at once. It may be necessary to return your pet to the hospital or proceed to the Emergency Clinic to receive proper care.

1. Any change in position or shape of the splint or cast on the limb.
2. Any excessive chewing of the splint or cast by your pet.
3. Any sign of excessive discomfort.
4. Any unusual or bad odors coming from the splint or cast.
5. Any unexplained soiling of the splint or cast that was not present before.
6. Swelling of the toes, or the leg above the splint.
7. Lack of appetite, depression, or fever in your pet.

Be sure to make and keep the appointment to have the splint or cast examined and adjusted by your veterinarian. It is an important step to insure that your pet stays happy and healthy!