

Bandage Care Sheet



Your pet has had a bandage applied today. How you care for their bandage can affect healing in the area. Please read this instruction sheet carefully.

When out for exercise **COVER** the bandage with a strong waterproof covering to prevent it becoming wet or dirty. Ensure that the cover is not too tight. The cover should be removed when your pet is indoors, to allow the area to breathe.

A **BUSTER COLLAR** should be worn at all times to prevent your pet from chewing the bandage as this can cause swelling of the surrounding area, causing circulation problems and also prevent the bandage from serving its purpose. If your pet **INTERFERES** with the wound and causes an infection or the wound to open this would require **FURTHER** work and medications that are not covered by the original **COST**.

If the bandage becomes **WET, DIRTY** or your pet **INTERFERES** with the bandage please contact the practice on **01698 861180**. If the

practice is closed the answering machine will give you a number to contact for advice. Please do not replace a bandage at home as this can do more harm than good. Always contact the surgery for advice.

It is important to **REMOVE** the bandage when instructed and **ATTEND** scheduled appointments. Please call us if you notice any smell from the bandage, if the leg above the bandage becomes swollen or if your pet stops putting weight on the bandaged leg. If you are in any doubt please don't hesitate to contact the practice.

