

# Care Guides

## Bandage Care Guide

If your pet has been sent home with a bandage it will need careful care and observation. Exercise should be restricted until your pet is better; cats should be kept indoors.

Please keep the bandage dry at all times.

When taking your pet out if the ground is wet it is advisable to cover a bandaged limb with a plastic or waterproof bag.

Remember to remove the bag when back indoors otherwise the limb may sweat causing the bandage to get damp.

Please contact us promptly if;

- the bandage looks dirty, wet or starts to smell. The area will need redressing
- you notice any swelling, redness or sores around the bandaged area
- if you think the bandage has slipped
- your animal is chewing at the bandage or showing signs of distress / pain
- you can cover the area with a sock or a cone shaped collar may be needed to prevent interference
- we stock a bitter spray to discourage chewing
- your pet was using the bandaged leg and then stops, this may indicate a problem

**Please do not remove the bandage unless you have been told to do so.**

**You should have a follow up appointment booked for a bandage change/removal. If you are unsure when to return to the surgery or have any queries please contact us.**