

BANDAGE CARE

Your pet has just had an operation during which a bandage had to be applied to protect its wound. To help us care for your pet, you need to check your pet's bandage regularly. If you notice any of the following problems with the bandage, please phone the surgery and discuss what is happening:

- Swelling or soreness above or below the bandage
- Discharge or smell from the bandage
- Any part of the bandage becoming worn through
- Any part of the bandage slipping or becoming loose
- The bandage becomes wet or dirty

Dog Owners

If your dog has a bandaged paw, this must be covered before going outside. Put a plastic covering over the bandage to keep it dry. A plastic bag could be used for temporary protection. Hard-wearing protective commercial boots are available to buy for this purpose. This should remain on whilst the dog goes outside to toilet to prevent the bandage getting wet, and removed once the animal is inside. This should be the animal's only exercise.

Cat Owners

Whilst your cat is wearing a bandage it must be kept strictly indoors. It needs a litter tray which has to be kept clean or the bandage will become soiled. Cats often attempt to remove their bandages by shaking their legs repeatedly, so check regularly for signs of it becoming loose.



If your pet starts to lick or chew at the bandage, please contact the surgery. It can be fitted with a collar to prevent it removing the bandage