

Bandage Instructions

After today's visit your pet will be discharged with a bandage. This bandage is an important component of your pet's recovery as it provides support, a barrier to infectious organisms, and protection from painful damage. With your compliance, the bandage should not create any serious complications. Please follow these instructions to all for recovery:

1. Keep the bandage clean and dry.

Keep your pet away from hazards such mud, spills, urine, feces and other wet substances. If the grass is damp, place a plastic bag over the bandage to protect it. If the bandage becomes wet or soiled, please come in immediately for a bandage change.

2. Ensure the bandage remains stationary.

Try to dissuade your pet from tampering with the bandage and limit your pet's activity until the bandage is removed. An E-collar can be picked up from us or your local pet store. If the bandage slips or is damaged, please come in immediately for a bandage change.

3. Watch for signs the bandage is restricting blood flow.

Bandages can, with time, shift into positions that can prove problematic. If your pet's toes are visible check them every 6 hours for swelling. If they swell or splay apart, or if your pet is agitated or vocal, the bandage has likely become too tight. If this occurs, please come in immediately for a bandage change.

4. Be on the lookout for "strike-through".

You may notice a discharge from the wound (surgical or otherwise) which is soaking through the bandage to create a spot on the surface. This situation, known as "strike-through", requires immediate attention. Give us a call or, if this occurs outside of our normal operating hours, visit an emergency clinic for a bandage change. It is crucial this is addressed immediately!

5. Return regularly to have the bandage changed.

You will need to return in _____ days for your pet's first bandage change, assuming none of the above problems arise. After this, the bandage will need to be changed every _____ days for _____ weeks.

After Hours Emergency Clinics	Summit Veterinary Referral Center	253-983-1114
	Blue Pearl Veterinary Center	253-474-0791

By signing below, you certify you have read and accept the above information.

First & Last Name

Signature

Animal Name

Date