



Bandage Care

It is important to keep your pet's bandage dry at all times. The bandages have soft padding that will soak up water quickly. If your pet's bandage gets wet and sits against the skin, it moistens the skin allowing bacteria to invade and cause infection of the suture lines and previously healthy skin.

If your pet's bandage gets wet, attempting to dry it at home is not usually successful. The underlying soft padding is usually still wet even after owners thoroughly dry the outer layer. If your pet's bandage gets wet, please call us to make an appointment for the bandage to be replaced. If this happens afterhours, please remove the bandage and ensure that your pet cannot lick the suture line. If the bandage is protecting a fracture, or covering an open wound, leave the bandage on and make an appointment to have the bandage changed as soon as possible.

Prevent chewing/ licking the bandages and place a waterproof layer over the bandage when going outside. Do not leave the waterproof layer on at all times – this will cause sweating which in turn will wet the bandage.

If your pet has swelling above or below the bandage, please contact us soon as possible and we will assess if it needs to be replaced.

Occasionally an animal's skin will react to the bandage material used (particularly the elastoplast used to hold the bandage on). If you notice any redness or a rash, please let us know at the next appointment. Ensure that your pet cannot lick at this area as they will make the rash worse.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us on (09) 524 6415.