



CARE OF DRESSINGS AND BANDAGES

Patient

Date

All bandages and dressings must be checked regularly at the surgery to ensure your pet is healing well and to avoid complications. Please make and keep re-examination appointments.

- **CLEAN & DRY** - If you wish to take your pet outside, bandages covering the foot should be protected by a tough plastic bag (we can often provide you with a suitable bag on demand). This may be secured with Elastoplast, ties, an elastic band or even sticky tape to prevent it falling off. (The nurse discharging your pet will demonstrate how to secure the bag safely.) **The bag must be removed as soon as your pet returns indoors to prevent the foot from sweating and the dressing becoming wet.**
- **CONTACT THE SURGERY PROMPTLY IF YOU NOTE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 1. Your pet is **interfering** with its dressing/bandage.
 2. The area around the bandage is **swollen, red and/or sore**.
 3. **Toes** exposed from the bandage feel **cold**.
 4. You notice a **foul smell** from the bandage.
 5. The dressing gets **wet**.
 6. The dressing appears to be **slipping** or **rubbing**.
 7. You notice areas of **discharge** on the dressing or **bleeding** from wounds beneath the dressing.
 8. Your pet appears to be **uncomfortable**.
- **IN AN EMERGENCY** - Once home, if worried, please do not hesitate to contact us. Contact your branch surgery during opening times. We have nurses on duty 24 hours a day at the main hospital premises – Tel: **01903 234866**

Your pet needs to be re-examined in days time. Please make sure you have an appointment.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS: