

AFTERCARE OF DRESSINGS/CAST/BANDAGES

The dressing **MUST BE KEPT DRY**, and as clean as possible at all times.

When outside the dressing must be covered at all times. It should be covered with a thick plastic bag, fastened with a piece of bandaging. This **MUST** be removed once your pet is back in the house to allow the bandage to breathe and to prevent any condensation.

The dressings should be changed regularly; this will be advised by your vet/nurse. It may be as frequently as every day for a short time, this helps prevent infection and promotes rapid healing.

If the dressing accidentally becomes wet you must arrange an appointment with the nurse the same day. You should check the dressing is dry each day, as some animals tend to urinate on their dressings!

Your pet may need a dressing change if you notice a discharge leaking from the dressing or you smell a distinct odour coming from the bandage, please contact the practice.

Once we have put a bandage on that's how we like them to stay, so if your pet is likely to chew their dressing, please ask for a buster collar.

Most importantly, if your pet is usually tolerant of dressings and starts to chew, claw or shake the bandage, it may be uncomfortable and need changing. You should contact us if at all concerned.

YOUR NEXT APPOINTMENT

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If you have any problems or questions before then please don't hesitate to call the surgery on **01342 327799**

