



HOME CARE OF SPLINTS, CASTS AND BANDAGES

General Information

Splints, casts and bandages are designed to protect and/or immobilize injured body parts. A splint or cast actually bears the animal's weight. These devices can also be used to prevent self-mutilation due to licking or chewing.

Your pet cannot understand the function of a splint, cast or bandage, and therefore may want only to get the device off in any manner possible. It may shake, bite, pull and push on the splint in an effort to remove it. Fortunately, most pets accept such appliances eventually, but you should pay close attention to your pet while it is wearing a splints, cast or bandage.

Important Points on Care of Splints, Casts and Bandages

1. Keep the device dry. If your pet goes outside in wet weather or when there is dew on the grass, place a plastic bag over the cast or splint to keep it dry. Do not allow the bag to remain on for long periods. As a rule of thumb, remove the bag after 1 hour or less. Your pet should be kept indoors as much as possible while wearing this device.
2. Inform the doctor of any loosening, excessive wear, or loss of the splint, cast or bandage.
3. Discourage the pet from licking and chewing the device. Consult the doctor if the animal persists in these activities.
4. Consult the doctor if you see signs of pain or increased swelling.
5. Consult the doctor if you see any indication of

pressure sores, pain or discomfort, or can smell any unusual odor.

6. There are no known materials that can stand up to the wear and tear a pet can inflict on them with frolicking unsupervised, so unless you have a burning desire to pay for another device, control your pet!



Splints, casts and bandages must be checked at regular intervals. Your pet's device should be examined every _____ days/weeks. There is a charge for these examinations and any changes or repairs that are needed unless your doctor has indicated otherwise.

Home care is essential to proper maintenance of bandages, splints and casts. Call us at 480-924-1123 if you have any questions or concerns.

Have your pet examined _____.

Your pet's splint, cast or bandage will be removed or changed in _____ days/weeks.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve you!