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Canine Bandage and Splint Care

Your pet is being discharged with a splint or bandage today. This will require some special attention and care to prevent complications.

1. Keep the bandage clean and dry at all times. A plastic bag can be placed over the toes and secured with tape when your pet goes outside. The bag must be removed promptly once back inside to prevent sweating that will make the bandage wet.
2. If the bandage is wet or soiled it should be changed by a veterinarian promptly.
3. Your pet's toes should be just visible. Examine and feel them once a day and contact a veterinarian if they are swollen, painful, cold, or have a foul odor.
4. Check the top of the bandage once a day. If you notice any sores, hair loss, or redness, contact a veterinarian.
5. If your pet chews or licks at the bandage you will need to purchase an Elizabethan collar (lampshade).
6. If your pet's attitude toward the bandage suddenly changes (chewing aggressively, not using leg, crying in pain) then your pet should be rechecked immediately.
7. Your pet will need strict rest to allow him/her to heal. This means no running, jumping, or rough playing. Cage rest is essential. Your pet should only make a brief visit outdoors on a leash to urinate/defecate. Avoid stairs. You can provide additional support by slinging a towel under your pet.

