

# Bandage/Splint Home Care

Bandages and Splints are applied for a variety of reasons and indications. Proper home care is critical to a successful outcome with their use. Listed below are a few simple recommendations for taking care of your pet when they have a bandage or splint—please read these recommendations.

- 1) Keep bandage/splint **DRY** at all times.
- 2) Use a plastic bag, saline bag or similar device to protect the bandage/splint when your pet goes outside.
- 3) Leave the bandage/splint covered **ONLY** while your pet is outside. Remove the bag when your pet comes back inside.
- 4) **DO NOT** leave your pet outside for prolonged periods of time with a covered bandage/splint.
- 5) **IF** the bandage/splint gets **LIGHTLY** wet - dry it with a hair blow dryer.
- 6) **IF** the bandage/splint gets **MORE** than lightly wet, bring your pet in ASAP to have the bandage/splint changed.
- 7) Please call to schedule an appointment to have the bandage/splint evaluated/changed **IF**:
  - a) Your pet starts to chew at the bandage/splint.
  - b) You notice a foul odor, or any change in odor coming from the splint.
  - c) Your pet stops using the foot with the bandage/splint on it.
- 8) Check with your Doctor about when you should schedule a routine appointment for a bandage/splint change.
- 9) **IF** you have any questions at any time concerning your pet or the bandage/splint - please call.