



Cast and Bandage care instructions

Your pet has had a cast or a supportive bandage following a surgical procedure. This was done to protect a weak plate or simply to add extra support to the implants.

Early correction of complications from cast and bandages is imperative.

Please follow these guidelines for the best possible outcome.

- Please keep the cast/bandage as dry as possible. A bandage should never get wet. Use a plastic bag or clingfilm around the lower part to protect it from rain and mud. Please remove the protection as soon as you are indoors.
- Please check that the cast/bandage has not slipped down. The toes should be visible or at least you should be able to touch them.
- Check the cast/bandage twice a day. You should check for smell, dryness and sensitivity and warmth of the toes.
 - The smell should not be foul and the cast/bandage should be dry.
 - The toes should be as warm as the opposite leg and your pet should notice that you are touching them. If this not happens, do contact your vet ASAP.
- If you notice a smell or change of colour, it may indicate a pressure sore. Your pet may become lame, lethargic or it may chew the cast/bandage. These are warning signs that the cast/bandage may need changing.
- Cats are usually easier to manage as they are naturally protective of their legs. However, don't rely on this and please check the cast/bandage as per instructions above.

Most casts and bandages are removed 4-6 weeks postoperative. Naturally, every patient is different and times vary with individual particularities.

