

## Wound and Bandage Care

### Wound Care

If your pet has a wound that doesn't require a bandage, please monitor for:

- **Redness, bruising or swelling around the wound.** Some redness and inflammation around a wound is normal, but seek veterinary advice if this increases.
- **Discharge. Some wounds produce a clear/yellow/pink odourless fluid which is normal.** If it changes to yellow, brown or starts to smell, please seek veterinary advice

### Bandage Care

Please check your pet's bandage and the surrounding skin twice a day. Look for:

- Movement or slipping of the bandage
- Smell
- Swelling, redness or bruising of the skin around the bandage
- Wet or discoloured bandage
- Chewing or licking of the bandage
- Limping or pain

Ignoring any of these signs can lead to wound infections or damage to the limb or surrounding tissue.

Any protective boots are for use outside, but please remove in the house to prevent the foot becoming sweaty.

Please use the buster collar or petshirt provided to prevent your pet interfering with its bandage

Please keep dogs on a lead and avoid very wet, muddy or sandy areas. Sand under a bandage can cause a lot of discomfort, rubbing and skin damage.

Please adhere to bandage change appointments; a poorly looked after bandage is worse than no bandage at all for helping wounds to heal.

We do hope your pet has a speedy recovery. If you have any issues, please contact your regular practice for advice. They will contact us if necessary but should be able to help with most questions.

Kind regards,

Colin Whiting and the VetCW Surgical team