

Splints, Casts & 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 also 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.

Important Points To Remember

1. Keep the device dry. If your pet goes outside in wet weather, place a plastic bag over the cast or splint to keep it dry. Do not allow the bag to remain on for long periods of time. As a rule of thumb, remove the bag after 1 hour or less.
2. Inform the doctor of any loosening or loss of the splint, cast or bandage.
3. Discourage your 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. Your pet's splint, cast or bandage will be removed changed in _____ days/weeks. Please call for an appointment.
6. Other: _____



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