

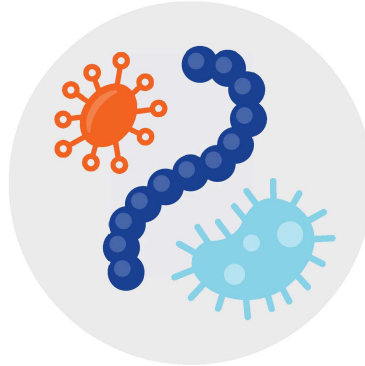
Bandages, splints, and slings

Following proper bandage care helps to prevent complications and aid healing.

Keep bandages clean and dry

Moisture accumulating inside the bandage can cause a skin infection. Use a waterproof covering when your pet goes outdoors, then remove it when they're back inside.

- ▶ Bring in your pet as soon as possible if their bandage gets wet or soiled.



Check bandages daily

Check your pet's toes at the bottom of the bandage or splint at least once a day. If they appear swollen or red, or feel cool to the touch, the bandage may be too tight and needs to be checked by your veterinarian immediately.

- ▶ Call right away if bandages slip, twist, smell bad, or are chewed or get damaged.

Restrict your pet's activity

Confine your pet to a crate or safe space while their injury heals, and take them out on a leash for short bathroom breaks only. Prevent excessive activity, including:

- Walking up or down stairs
- Running, jumping, or playing
- Getting on and off furniture



Keep your pet's appointments

It's extremely important to bring in your pet for all of their follow-up appointments so your veterinary team can check in with your pet and change their bandages, splints, and slings.

- ▶ Always bring your pet in for recommended follow-up visits and bandage changes.



Top bandage tips

- Administer all medications as prescribed by your veterinary team
- Following all bandage and exercise instructions is essential for a successful recovery
- Monitor your pet and schedule a new visit if there are complications or concerns
- Contact your veterinary team with any questions
- Need immediate advice? Ping Vet Chat™—included in all pet Optimum Wellness Plans®!

