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How To Care For Your Pet with a Splint

Your pet has had a splint placed on a limb. Splints are used to treat a variety of conditions including broken bones, ligament damage, and tendon damage. A splint is a sturdy piece of plastic or metal used to stabilize the limb from unwanted motion that can delay healing. These splints are padded with bandage material to prevent rubbing of the splint on the limb.



Exercise You should restrict your pet's activity while your pet wears the splint to allow your pet to heal properly. Your pet cannot run, jump, play, or do any vigorous exercise while the splint is being worn. **Your pet must be confined to a small area when you are not present, be carefully monitored when you are there to avoid the above activities, and must be leash-walked when outside.** Your pet must be kept indoors to properly manage the splint.

Monitoring the Splint You should check the splint at least one time a day. You must keep it dry and clean. If the splint gets wet, excessively dirty, or slips from its proper position, it must be checked as soon as possible. These conditions can cause sores on the skin or delay healing of the initial injury.



Licking Some pets lick at their splints. This can cause loosening of the splint. Alert us if your pet is licking. In this event, an Elizabethan collar needs to be placed on the pet to avoid complications.

Pre-Operative Blood Work
 Normal _____ Abnormal _____ Not Performed _____
 Comments _____

Pain Medicine Your pet needs pain medicine _____
 Your pet does not need pain medicine _____
 Start your pet's pain medicine _____

When to Recheck We need to recheck your pet on _____

Additional Comments _____

