



WARREN HOUSE VETERINARY CENTRE

Dressing and Cast Homecare

Your pet may require a dressing, cast or bandage for many reasons including surgery, injury or to stabilise an area.

Dressings, casts and bandages have many purposes including:

- Immobilising an affected limb
- Controlling swelling
- Providing an environment suitable for healing wounds
- Protecting wounds and surgical sites from interference and trauma

The dressing/cast/bandage should extend to the whole affected area – limb, tail etc., to prevent the bottom of the tissue swelling.

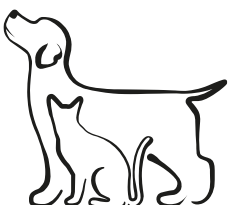
To ensure the dressing it not too tight, 2 fingers should be able to be inserted around the top and bottom, this prevent excessive swelling and damage to tissues if it is too tight which can cut off blood supply. If toes are at the base of the bandage, they should be able to be felt with ease and your pet should react to them being touched – this is not recommended if your pet has recently undergone surgery or has a wound on their foot.

The dressing/cast/bandage must be kept clean and dry to avoid contamination of the tissue underneath and also to keep your pet comfortable.

The dressing/cast/bandage must not be interfered with by your pet, a buster collar can be placed to prevent interference. If your pet has been chewing or licking at their dressing/cast/bandage, please seek urgent advice.

The dressing/cast/bandage should be kept clean and dry at all times, if any ooze can be seen from the outside which appears to be soaking through, if it has gotten wet from being outside or toileting accidents, or if there is a noticeable smell coming from the area, please seek urgent advice.

The dressing/cast/bandage will be checked and changed at an appropriate time depending on the reasoning for it being placed. Please keep track of your appointments, these will usually be carried out during your post op check appointments with the Veterinary Nurse. Please do not try to remove or change the dressing/cast/bandage yourself; on occasion it may be recommended depending on your pet's temperament





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and how they are healing – but please make sure that there is no risk of injury to yourself through bites and scratches.

Exercise restriction is recommended as this both allows your pet time to rest and recover, but also prevents the dressing/cast/bandage from slipping from the limb and falling off. 5 minutes of exercise 3 times per day should be sufficient until the dressing/cast/bandage is removed – this does however depend on why your pet has had their dressing/cast/bandage placed and you will be advised accordingly. For dogs, leads should be used at all times during these walks, whether outside the house or in the garden. For cats, they should be kept indoors at all times, restricting exercise where possible by using a cage – again depending on the injury.

Thank you for choosing Warren House Vets for your pet's care. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Post-Operative Out-of-Hours/Emergency Support



If you have any concerns following your pet's surgery, we offer free out-of-hours veterinary advice support with a UK Registered Vet, over the phone, as a part of our VIP Club.

To sign up please email: Info@warrenhousevets.co.uk



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