

Wound Care



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Your pet has been treated for a wound. They will need special attention for a full, uneventful recovery, just as a human would. Please read and review the following instructions. If you have any questions at any time, please call.

Medications:

Give as directed upon discharge.

Exercise Restrictions:

No bathing for a minimum of 10 days after surgery. Prevent access to steps, climbing and jumping for 10 days. If your pet is an outdoor dog, they will need to be kept indoors for the next 7-10 days.

Wound Care:

- Check the surgical/wound area(s) daily. Some redness and swelling is a normal consequence of injury and healing. If the area becomes increasingly painful, opens or discharges pus or blood, please call the clinic immediately. A small amount of clear fluid may ooze from the area and is considered normal. Monitor your pet for redness/swelling or excessive/odiferous discharge coming from the incision site.
- DO NOT allow your pet to lick, chew, rub or pull at the wounds/incision. If they do, you must stop the behavior right away and begin using an Elizabethan collar. If you do not have a collar at home, please pick one up from the clinic at the earliest ability.

Open Wounds:

Hydrotherapy: Flush the area with lukewarm water with a high pressure spray head for 10 minutes twice daily for 7-14 days as directed upon discharge.

Bandaged Wounds:

- Your pet should wear the bandages as directed by the veterinarian at time of discharge. It is important to strictly follow the bandage change timeline to promote healing and prevent infection.
- You should not let the bandage become wet or soiled since moist dermatitis (skin inflammation) may result. Check the bandage daily for evidence of foul odor. The odor may be an indication of pressure sores or moist dermatitis. If your pet must go outside, cover the bandage with a plastic bag. Please be sure to remove the plastic bag once your pet has returned inside. If the bandage becomes wet or soiled – please recheck and have it changed immediately to prevent skin necrosis (rot).
- Check the bandage daily for signs of irritation (Your pet may lick or chew at the bandage if pressure sores develop) or swelling. If the bandage becomes too tight, the toes will become swollen and/or pressure sores may develop; this may cause your pet will chew at the bandage. If this occurs, contact us right away.
- No bathing until the bandage is removed.

Follow-Up:

Please schedule a recheck appointment as directed upon discharge.

Recommendations/Monitoring:

Monitor your pet for no interest in food >24 hours, vomiting despite medication, diarrhea >3 episodes or if blood is present, lethargy, abdominal pain, or any new symptoms/concerns and have your pet evaluated with further concerns.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to help in the care of your pet. Please call if you have any questions or concerns.

For after hours emergencies, contact the East Texas Pet Emergency Clinic at (903) 759-8545. They are located at 812 Gilmer Rd., Longview, TX 75604.