

Splint Home Care

Home Care Instructions for After Surgery

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Instructions:

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP SPLINT CLEAN AND DRY!

- Your pet should be discouraged from chewing on splint.
- Your pet may require an e-collar if pet will not leave splint alone.
- Your pet may be sent home with medications, please read instructions on label carefully and call the clinic if there are any questions or concerns.
- If splint becomes wet please bring your pet back in for a splint change as soon as possible.
- If you notice any smell coming from splint, please bring your pet back in for a recheck and splint change. This is very important for proper healing and to avoid infection under the splint.
- No baths or swimming while splint is on.
- When walking your pet outside in wet weather please apply a plastic bag over the splint to keep splint dry and clean. We can provide a bag at your request. Please remove bag as soon as back inside to avoid moisture inside the splint.
- Discourage your pet from jumping on/off furniture/stairs/etc. Your pet may need to be kenneled to avoid jumping. You can also talk with your veterinarian about sedation if needed.
- Please do not let your pet up in or out of automobiles while splint is on. General anesthesia may have been used with your pet today to place splint. If so please monitor your pet for the next 24 hours to avoid further injury. If general anesthesia was used, please feed pet a small amount of food and water this evening as anesthesia can make your pet nauseous, regular meals may resume tomorrow.

**BE SURE TO TALK WITH YOUR VETERINARIAN ABOUT WHEN TO COME IN FOR RECHECKS.
DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL OR COME IN WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**