

Bandage Change Aftercare Information Sheet

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Exercise: Restrict activity for the next ___ weeks. Short leash walks are permitted for urination and bowel movements only. No running, jumping, climbing stairs or roughhousing with other pets or people. Strenuous activity can break down the repair that was performed, and thus prevent successful recovery.

Suture Removal: Please have the sutures removed either by Dr. Bruce in one more week. This can be coordinated with a bandage change. Please make an appointment with Dr. Bruce in that time frame.

Bandage: The bandage will be needed for ___ more weeks. The bandage should be kept dry and clean. Place a bag over the bottom of the bandage when going outside and remove the bag when back inside. Check the toes twice daily for swelling or coldness. If any problems arise please give us a call. The bandage should be changed with Dr. Bruce each week (every 5-7 days). Please make an appointment to do so.

Radiographs: Your Pet will need radiographs performed in ___ more weeks. We can coordinate this with a bandage change. Please do not feed your pet the morning of the appointment in case your pet needs to be sedated for these radiographs.