



Daily Bandage Checklist for Dogs

- Daily Duties at home
 - Check Toes for Swelling
 - Give Medications as directed
 - Wear Bandage Cover Outside to protect from elements
 - Give Mentally Stimulating Enrichment daily
- Examine Bandage for Defects
 1. Ensure Bandage is Dry All Over
 2. Examine Top of Bandage for Sores
 3. Monitor Bandage for Any Slippage
 4. Ensure e-collar is always on pet to prevent them from chewing at bandage
- **Reminders:**
 - We are working together as a team in healing your pet
 - Even the best applied bandages may slip
 - Leash walks only
 - Bandage needs to remain dry at all times!
- **Things to look out for:**
 - Swelling
 - Foul Odor
 - Increased Lameness
 - Redness
- Use confinement if unsupervised or too active.
- Unless otherwise instructed, do not change bandages at home.
 - Do not apply additional tape or material.
 - Attend all scheduled bandage changes.
- If instructed, give medications prior to the recheck appointments.
- Notify our hospital immediately if you observe any complications or if you have any questions regarding bandage condition or follow-up visits.

Mentally Stimulating Enrichment Ideas for Dogs

- Mental Stimulation:
 - Puzzle Toys: These toys require dogs to solve puzzles to access treats, providing mental exercise and slowing down fast eaters.
 - Kongs: Various treats & mealtime can be utilized to provide stimulation during recovery.
 - Find fun recipes here : <https://www.kongcompany.com/cuisine/>
 - Scent Games: Hide treats or toys for your dog to find, engaging their powerful sense of smell.
 - Snuffle Mats: Mats with fabric flaps or pockets where treats can be hidden, encouraging foraging behavior.
 - DIY Puzzles: Cardboard boxes, muffin tins, toilet paper rolls and even rolled-up towels can be used to create engaging puzzles.
 - Learning New Tricks: Focus on simple, stationary tricks like "sit," "stay," or touching a specific object. This keeps their mind active without physical strain.
 - Name Game: If your dog knows the names of their toys, you can play a game where you name a toy and they find it.
 - The Cup Game: Hide a treat under one of a few cups & let your dog try to find it.
 - Dog TV
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- Sensory Enrichment:
 - Visual Enrichment: Introduce new sights, like a mirror at their eye level, or change the dog's environment with new decorations.
 - Auditory Enrichment: Play calming music, or introduce your dog to different sounds, like nature sounds or classical music.
 - Tactile Enrichment: Offer a variety of textures in toys or during playtime, like soft plush toys, bumpy surfaces, or different types of chews.
- Calming & Comfortable Activities:
 - Create a Comfortable Rest Area: Ensure your dog has a quiet, comfortable space with their favorite bed and toys.
 - Gentle Massage: A massage can help soothe your dog and promote relaxation.
 - Doggy Stroller: If your dog enjoys car rides, a stroller can provide a change of scenery without physical exertion.



Daily Bandage Checklist for Cats

- Daily Duties
 - Check Toes for Swelling
 - Give Medications as directed
 - Keep Litter Box Clean
 - Give Mentally Stimulating Enrichment

- Examine Bandage for Defects
 - Ensure Bandage is Dry All Over
 - Examine Top of Bandage for Sores
 - Monitor Bandage for Any Slippage
 - Make Sure Your Pet is Not Chewing the Bandage

- Reminders:
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 - Even the best applied bandages may slip

- Things to look out for
 - Swelling
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 - Increased Lameness
 - Redness

- Use confinement if unsupervised or too active.
- Unless otherwise instructed, do not change bandages at home.
 - Do not apply additional tape or material.
 - Attend all scheduled bandage changes.
- If instructed, give medications prior to the recheck appointments.
- Notify your vet staff immediately if you observe any complications or if you have any questions regarding bandage condition or follow-up visits.

Mentally Stimulating Enrichment Ideas for Cats

- Mental Stimulation:
 - Puzzle Feeders: These encourage cats to work for their food, providing mental stimulation and slowing down eating.
 - Scent Exploration: Introduce safe, intriguing scents like catnip, mint, or even your own scent on fabric for them to investigate.
 - Treat Hunts: Hide small treats around the room for your cat to find, encouraging natural hunting instincts.
 - DIY Toys: Simple toys like cardboard tubes with treats inside or sock toys filled with catnip can provide entertainment.
 - Cat TV
- Sensory Enrichment:
 - Visual Enrichment: Introduce new sights, like a mirror at their eye level, or change the cat's environment with new decorations.
 - Auditory Enrichment: Play calming music, or introduce your cat to different sounds, like nature sounds or classical music.
 - Tactile Enrichment: Offer a variety of textures in toys or during playtime, like soft plush toys, or bumpy surfaces.
- Physical Comfort & Reduced Activity:
 - Quiet, Dimly Lit Space: A calm environment helps reduce stress & promotes healing.
 - Comfortable Resting Areas: Provide soft bedding, & blankets, or “tents.”
 - Gentle Cuddles: Offer affection and attention but respect your cat's boundaries and avoid overly stimulating play.