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BANDAGE AND CAST CARE

Your horse has been discharged with a bandage or cast to either protect or treat a wound or protect a post surgical site.

It is important that the bandage/cast stays dry, if it becomes wet bacteria can strike through the bandage to the wound. The bandage can also become too tight.

You will have been given a list of bandage change appointments to be carried out by either a vet or Nurse. Please see below a list of possible complications you **must** inform the clinic of should they arise between bandage changes. The cast may be less effective if it becomes wet and soggy. The bandage/cast may also smell if wet.

Bandage/Cast Complications to notify the clinic:

- Your horse/pony has become lame or more lame than previous or generally uncomfortable ie stamping or kicking the stable.
- The bandage/cast appears to be too tight, especially around the fetlock or above/below the hocks. (you cannot comfortably slide your finger between the bandage and the horse's skin). There may be swelling above/below the bandage.
- The bandage/cast has split.
- The bandage/cast is wet or discharge is soaking through the bandage.
- The dressing/ pad under the bandage has slipped out of the bandage.
- The bandage has slipped and the wound is/isn't exposed.
- There is a smell coming from the bandage.

Light soiling on the outside of a bandage or cast is normal in a horse stable environment as long as this is external and the bandage/cast not wet.

Should you require help or advice please call the clinic on 01260280800 to speak to a duty vet or Nurse.

The Emergency vet is also available over weekends/ evenings.

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