



Home Care Instructions: Leg Cast

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 Patient: _____

 Doctor/Tech: _____



If Your Pet Was Sedated to Place The Cast

- Your pet may be slow for the next 24-48 hours
 - Keep your pet quiet for at least 24 hours after surgery
- Vomiting is a common side effect of the anesthetic
 - Limit food and water for the first feeding (if they're free fed, please pull food/water until tonight)
 - Resume normal feeding the day after surgery



Frequently Asked Questions & Things to Watch For

- WATCH FOR
 - Watch the paw for swelling and if the paw gets really warm
 - Watch the top of the cast for rubbing and if sores form
 - Watch for circles or water spots forming on the cast - could be a pressure sore forming
- What if the cast starts to slip?
 - Call the clinic immediately - a new cast needs to be placed
- What if my pet pulls out the padding from underneath the cast?
 - Call the clinic - padding prevents sores, helps keep the cast in place, and it help keeps your pet comfortable
- NEVER cut parts of the cast off



Recovery is 6-8 Weeks

- The cast should remain in place for at least 6-8 weeks for adults.
 - Puppies/Kittens 4-5 weeks
- Keep activity restricted - cage rest, leash walking, no running, jumping, or strenuous activity
 - If outside: keep contained in garage or shed if possible
- Keep the cast clean and dry; avoid bathing, swimming, grooming, etc.
- Excessive licking, biting or itching in the cast area can cause sores and the area to become irritated and infected
- Please follow the instructions and finish the medication(s) as prescribed

When Should You Call Your Vet?

- Your pet has become really lethargic, has any loss of appetite, or excessive swelling
- If you notice anything covered in the FAQ/Things To Watch For column
- If you have any questions or concerns

Prescribed Medication:
