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## CARE OF THE PATIENT WITH A CAST

When your pet has had to have a cast applied there are certain things to bear in mind during this period.

1. The cast must be kept as clean and dry as possible. If the animal needs to go outside for any reason, then a plastic bag should be wrapped around the cast. However, always make sure that it is removed when your pet comes back indoors.
2. Observe the cast for signs of it softening if it is a plaster cast .
3. Observe for any signs of leakage or moisture seeping through the cast which may indicate a pressure sore or infection.
4. Check that the cast is neither too loose or too tight ; if the cast is loose the fracture cannot heal and the cast will need re-applying ; if it is too tight it may seriously affect the circulation to the affected limb .
5. Beware of a 'smelly' cast , again this may indicate infection or a pressure sore.
6. Try to prevent your pet from nibbling the cast . This may require the use of a Buster collar- your pet may not like it very much but it is well worth it .
7. If your pet suddenly becomes uncomfortable with a cast which has been comfortable previously your veterinary surgeon should check the cast .

**ALWAYS** attend the weekly checks of the cast so that your veterinary surgeon can assess the cast at regular intervals , and if you are ever concerned about the condition of your pet or the cast please come to the surgery or telephone .