



**Belton Veterinary Clinic  
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### **Special Instructions for Splint Care**

**For Emergency After Hours, Call: (254) 939-1884**

**Your pet has suffered from a broken bone and now has either a pin or plate and screws and an external splint or just an external splint. Your care for the next several weeks is essential to your pet's recovery.**

**YOUR PET NEEDS A SAFE, QUIET, AND CLEAN PLACE TO RECOVER!**

- 1. LOOK AT THE SPLINT FREQUENTLY. WATCH FOR SWELLING IN YOUR PET'S TOES. DO NOT LET YOUR PET CHEW ON THE SPLINT. We have collars for sale if you need one to prevent them from chewing. If your pet chews up the splint, has swollen toes, or shows signs of illness, call us immediately at the number listed above. The cost of replacing the splint is your responsibility.**
- 2. The anesthetic will be wearing off in the next 12 to 24 hours. He or she may act sleepy or disoriented. WE ADVISE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR PET IN A SMALL CONFINED AREA SUCH AS A CARRIER OR CRATE DURING THIS TIME.**
- 3. DO NOT GIVE YOUR PET ANY FOOD UNTIL IT IS COMPLETELY AWAKE FROM ANESTHESIA. You may be able to give your pet some crushed ice to lick on. It is not unusual for dogs to vomit within the first 24 hours after surgery. Keep in mind the less a pet has in its stomach, the less they will vomit.**
- 4. Keep your pet indoors. PROTECT THEM FROM GETTING COLD, OVERHEATED, OR WET. Prevent them from jumping, running, or playing with children or other animals for three to six weeks, depending on the type of injury and doctor's recommendations.**
- 5. BRING YOUR PET BACK WEEKLY FOR SPLINT CHECKS.**