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## **Suture Care**

Several things need to be monitored and done to provide appropriate care for <animal>'s bandage or splint.

- Sutures must be kept dry and clean Wet or dirty sutures can cause pressure sores and lead to secondary infections.
- Monitor area for swelling or drainage. Any strange smell, discharge or redness and swelling seen should be reported to veterinarian for further assistance immediately.
- Chewing and licking the sutures must be prevented. If <animal> is trying to chew on the sutures, an Elizabethan collar may be needed.