

Distal Limb Bandage



Bandage Removal

- Do not change the bandage in the stall.
 - Find a clean, quiet area to work
- Be prepared to do a quick bandage change to prevent swelling and wound break down.
- Use a scissors to cut the Elastikon and vetwrap material.
- Slip finger between the Elastikon and skin to protect the skin from being cut



Clean Operative Site

Wash hands or wear
exam gloves before
applying the bandage.

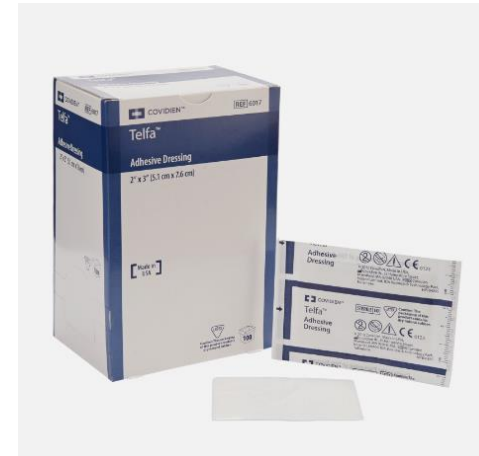
**“Wet Ones” or Purell
Hand Sanitizer** can be
used to clean hands in the
stable.

You may use sterile saline
to clean around the
incision/wound and Sterile
4x4 gauze sponges if the
area becomes soiled

The sutures are to be
removed in 12-14 days

Telfa Pad & Kling

- Place telfa pad(s) directly over the sutures.
- These pads will be held in place using the kling.
- Apply the kling tight enough to hold the telfa pad(s) in place, but do not pull tight.



Combine Roll

- Roll the combine roll onto the limb.
- The more snugly you conform the cotton to the leg, the easier it will be to compress the bandage.
- Apply similar to a standing wrap
- Ideally covers from just below carpus/hock to top of hoof capsule



Brown Gauze

- Roll brown gauze starting at the middle of the bandage.
- This will help to prevent it from slipping down.
- Roll firmly. Do not roll above or below cotton.
- Leave about 1cm of the combine roll exposed at the top and bottom.
- Apply evenly, overlapping each layer by 50%



Vetwrap

- Apply vetwrap similarly to the brown gauze
- Begin at the middle of the bandage to prevent slippage.
- Roll firmly
- Do not roll above or below the cotton.
- Leave about 1cm of the combine roll exposed at the top and bottom.
- Overlap each layer by 50%





Elastikon

- This is used to secure the bandage to the leg.
- Do not wrap tightly on the skin as you may bow the horse's tendon or cause swelling.
- Stick the Elastikon to the skin above the bandage and to the hoof wall below to secure the bandage and prevent contamination of the surgical area.
- **Tip: Unroll the elastikon roll fully, and re-roll it prior to applying on the limb to decrease how sticky it is**