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Applying a half-limb bandage:

Materials:

- Proper wound dressing (as directed)
- Kerlix AMD 4" roll gauze
- Vet Wrap

- Roll Cotton or a clean quilt
- Elastikon
- Scissors
- 1. Always change bandages in a clean, dry area with clean hands.
- 2. Open all bandage materials in a clean place away from blowing dirt and off the floor.
- 3. Apply the Telfa (non-stick) pad to the wound making sure there is no dirt or debris on the leg or dressing.
- 4. Use Kerlix AMD roll gauze to secure the dressing in place. You may not need to use the entire roll. Tuck the loose end into the wrapping somewhere so it doesn't unwrap.
- 5. Apply the rolled cotton over the leg, wrapping in a front-outside-back-inside pattern around the leg.
- 6. Apply a layer of Vet Wrap next. This can be **pulled tightly**. Make sure you leave 1" of cotton showing at the top and bottom of the bandage to keep it from being too tight against the skin.
- 7. Finally, apply Elastikon at the top and at the bottom. Go from the bandage to the skin. This keeps dirt and shavings out.

Remember:

- When wounds are seeping, bandages should be changed daily to prevent wicking bacteria through the bandage back into the wound.
- Bandage material should not be green colored or smell badly. If so, the wound may be infected and your veterinarian should be contacted.
- Bandages MUST stay clean and dry! If they get wet, slip, are very dirty, or damaged, they should be changed.
- Unroll Elastikon rolls first and re-roll them before applying to the limb. Elastikon can get pulled very tight and cut off circulation if not careful.