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Applying Lower Leg Bandages

Materials needed:

***Padding:** Leg Quilt, K-pack, or roll cotton



***Adhesive tape**



***If cleaning a wound:** water, cotton, mild soap (Chlorhexidine scrub), and towel.



***+/- bandaging tape** (elasticon)



***Support bandage:** Polo wraps, ace bandage, or brown gauze and vetrap

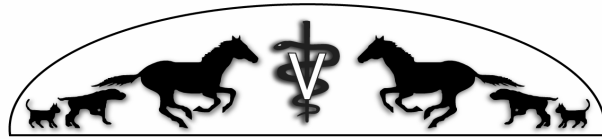


***+/- bandage scissors**



***Non stick pad for wounds**





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Steps For Applying A Lower Leg Bandage

1. Start with a clean, dry leg and bandage material. If there is a wound, make sure it is clean.
2. If there is a wound – apply a non stick pad over wound.
3. Apply the padding around the lower leg, making sure that it lies flat and wrinkle-free against the leg. Wrinkles and folds in the padding could cause pressure on vital structures.
4. Apply the support bandage over the padding in a spiral pattern, overlapping 50% of each layer. Leave ½ - 1 inch of padding exposed below and above the support bandage. Use enough pressure to keep the bandage in place, but do not wrap so tightly that you cannot easily slip a finger in-between the bandage. Also avoid applying the bandage too loosely – it will not be as effective and may be dangerous to the horse. Use uniform, wrinkle-free tension without forming lumps or ridges beneath the bandage. Check the bandage periodically for swelling and or heat above the bandage. Also check the bandage daily to ensure that it has not shifted.
5. +/- adhesive tape to secure the bandage.
6. +/- bandaging tape (elasticon) around the openings on the top and bottom of the bandage. This seals the bandage and prevents shavings, dirt, etc. from getting into bandage.