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## APPLYING A HOCK BANDAGE

### Supplies:

ABD pad and white kling (conforming roll gauze):



Combi (cotton) roll and brown roll gauze:



Vetwrap and Elastikon:



1) Apply an abdominal (ABD) pad (absorbent gauze pad) over the surgery site.

2) Wrap the white gauze roll around the limb to secure the abdominal pad in place. Use even pressure that is snug but NOT overly tight. When wrapping a limb, always start at the inside, front (dorsal) aspect of the limb and work your way towards the outside and back (palmar/plantar). For example, for a right limb, you will be wrapping clockwise. For the hock, you may have to figure 8 above and below the point of the hock to keep the pad in place.



3) Apply the rolled combine cotton. Again, make sure the combine is applied snugly, not too loose or too tight, but with even pressure.

4) Now, apply the brown gauze so that it is snug over the combine to secure it. Start in the middle of the combine and work your way down first before working your way back up to the top of the bandage. Make sure to use even pressure all the way down the limb and back up, not making it too loose or overly tight. Leave approximately 1/2" of the combine exposed at the top and bottom.



5) Next, place vetwrap over the brown gauze- the amount of tension used should be enough that the vet wrap is not crinkled nor completely smooth and shiny, but in between. Start at the top of the brown gauze and work your way down before working your way back up. Again, leave 1/2" of combine exposed at the top and bottom. Do NOT apply vetwrap directly to the skin.





6) Finally, apply the elastikon tape. First place a strip that goes straight down the back of the hock and overhangs the combine by about  $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Then wrap that in with the top and bottom of the bandage. Extend approximately 2" above the bandage with the tape onto the skin. At the bottom of the bandage, do the same. Seal the elastikon with white medical tape.

