TATTOO AFTERCARE

For optimal results, it is strongly recommended that you follow these instructions for at least the first two weeks of your tattoo's healing process. Failure to do so may result in scarring, fading/discoloration, or infection. Do **NOT** attempt to "dry heal!!"

<u>Step 1:</u> With clean hands, gently wash your tattoo using lukewarm water and an unscented, antibacterial soap at least twice per day.

- If the area comes into contact with excessive sweat, debris, or any other irritants, wash itsas soon as possible!
- Never use anything other than clean hands to wash your tattoo as washcloths/loofas not only hold bacteria, but are also abrasive.

Product Recommendations:

Liquid Dial Gold or Dove Antibacterial Soap

Step 2: Let the washed tattoo air dry or use a clean paper towel to pat dry.

<u>Step 3:</u> For the first 3–4 days, apply a <u>THIN</u> layer of healing ointment after each cleaning.

Product Recommendations:

Aquaphor or Lucky Luna

<u>Step 4:</u> IF USING AQUAPHOR, once your tattoo enters the peeling/flaking stage, substitute it with an unscented lotion. Moisturize at least three times daily to keep the area from scabbing.

Product Recommendations:

Lubriderm, CeraVe, Lucky Luna, Coconut Oil

Be Sure To Avoid:

- Exposure to direct sunlight
- Tanning (including spray tans)
- Submerging the tattoo in standing water (tubs, pools, etc.)
- Suffocating the tattoo with form-fitting clothing
- Picking/scratching/rubbing it during the "itchy stage"

BE ADVISED:

While infections are relatively uncommon, it is important to acknowledge that tattoos are open wounds and should be treated as such. If you experience increased or prolonged redness, swelling, or discomfort, develop a rash, start oozing pus, have a fever, or your skin feels warm on or around your new tattoo, consult with a medical professional immediately!!