

## TATTOO AFTERCARE

- Keep tattoo covered for at least one hour, and no longer than eight hours.
- After removing bandage, wash tattoo and surrounding area with water and mild soap. (If bandage sticks to your tattoo, soak it in cool water until it falls off).
- Rinse away all surface blood, plasma, ointment, and remaining soap.
- Always blot dry (don't rub) until tattoo is completely healed.
- Do not re-bandage tattoo.
- Do not apply alcohol, peroxide, or betadine to tattoo.
- Do not rub, pick or scratch your tattoo.
- Apply a thin layer of Bacitracin or A&D Ointment. (Don't use Neosporin). Do this 4-6 times a day to keep tattoo from drying out.
- After 2 days, depending on the rate of healing, switch to high quality fragrance free lotion. Keep skin moist, not wet.
- Keep pets away from healing tattoos.
- Tattoo will "peel" in about a week. This is normal. It will look like color is coming off. It isn't. It is simply dead skin shedding itself. Your fresh tattoo will be underneath.
- Do not expose tattoo to sunlight for at least 2 weeks.
- Do not soak in bathtub, hot tub, lakes, pools, beach for 2 weeks.
- If the area around the tattoo becomes more and more red, discontinue lotion, let tattoo dry out, and wash with an antibacterial soap and water 3 times daily.
- In the event of an infection of the tattoo, please consult with your physician.

