

## **Suggested Aftercare Guidelines for Branding and Scarification Procedures**

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### **Branding and Scarification Aftercare**

- a. First, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water and then dry them with clean paper towels. No cloth towels!
- b. Using a mild antibacterial soap gently and thoroughly cleanse the procedure area twice daily, morning and evening. Use a very gentle circular motion with a sterile gauze or dressing when cleaning. Do not scrub the area!
- c. Let the area air dry or use sterile gauze or dressings to gently blot dry. Don't rub! Do not use cloth towels, paper towels or tissues!
- d. During the initial healing phase, if you wish to cover the scar or branding, use a non-stick sterile gauze or dressing. If the naturally secreted lymph fluids cause the bandage to adhere, use clean water or sterile saline solution to soak the bandage and soften the adhered matter to prevent pulling the scab off and damaging the scar or branding.
- e. Do not pick at the scarred or branded area or adhered matter on same procedures.

If you suspect the procedure area or the branding or scar itself is infected, immediately seek medical attention.

**\*\*\* For Emergency Medical Assistance – Dial 911\*\*\***