

# Tattoo Aftercare Instructions

## Bukshot Art and Tattoos

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Leave Dry-Lock bandage on for a minimum of 2 hours to a maximum of 4 hours. This allows your skin to build up its protective layer against bacteria and germs. When you remove the bandage there will be ink on it — this is normal!

Wash hands with a mild antibacterial soap before removing bandage. Never re-bandage tattoo.

Wash tattoo with a neutral soap such as Dove or Dial. Gently use your hands to rub soap over tattoo, washing in a circular motion. *Never* use a washcloth. Always wash hands before cleaning tattoo.

Pat dry tattoo with a towel. *Never* rub your tattoo dry. This will help avoid pulling any of the ink out of the skin that may be attached to a scab.

Clean your tattoo 2 to 3 times a day until healed.

When the tattoo begins to scab and dry out, apply lotion. You want to keep the tattoo moist but not wet. When choosing a lotion you must choose one with no fragrances or dyes. We recommend that you use LubriDerm or Curel, which are both a basic dry skin lotion with no additives that may react with your tattoo. We have found that some intensive dry skin lotions contain additives that react with tattoo ink causing the ink to reject.

Average healing time is anywhere from 7 to 14 days, but can take up to a month

Never pick your scabs no matter how itchy they may become. Lightly pat the tattoo to get rid of the itch.

Touch-ups are free and guaranteed for the first 3 months. There are **NO** guarantees for finger, toe or hand tattoos.

### **Additional Information**

You may shower a few hours after receiving the tattoo. However, do not shower in extremely hot water and not for an extended period of time, meaning no longer than 15 minutes. No baths or swimming (e.g., lakes, hot tubs, or swimming pools) because this will cause your tattoo color to fade. As well lake water may contain bacteria that may cause an infection to the tattooed area. You may bathe and swim as soon as your tattoo is completely healed, meaning no scabs.

You must keep your tattoo out of the sun and away from tanning beds until you are healed. The sun and tanning beds will fade the color in your tattoo faster than anything else. When you are healed we strongly recommend applying sunscreen to your tattoo any time it is exposed to the sun.

You must take time off from training, working out, or any intense physical activity until you are healed. Profuse sweating has the same effect on your tattoo as soaking in water, causing your healing tattoo undue stress and stretching is not good.

You do not need to apply Polysporin, Bactine, or any other chemical products to your tattoo. Soap and water along with oxygen will heal your tattoo faster than anything that contains chemicals and synthetics. Chemical products will cause a longer healing time and may react with your tattoo ink.

If you have any questions or concerns please call us @ 813.735.0703 and one of our artists will be happy to assist you.