TATTOO AFTERCARE

Leave your bandage on for at least 3 hours, take off the bandage <u>in the shower</u>, where you can take your time washing your tattoo (not in a gas station restroom or in the car). Do NOT re bandage tattoo... once the bandage is off, leave it off. Carefully remove your bandage and allow warm water to flow your tattoo. Use a liquid hand soap (not bar soap) that has no dyes and perfumes... like Dove, Dial, Ivory, Lever 2000, Neutrogena, etc... Wash the tattoo gently, yet thoroughly. You may need to wash, rinse and repeat a few times. Then do a final rinse with cool water to close the pores.

Gently pat it dry with a clean dry towel (not the ones you have been hanging in the shower for a few days). Allow the tattoo to breathe, don't put anything on it right away, wait to use moisturizer till it feels it needs it your tattoo will let you know when its "thirsty" when it feels a little tights and dry.

Use a fragrance and dye free hand lotion on your tattoo for the next two weeks, any brand will do, just read the ingredients, about 2-4 times a day or as needed when it feels tight or dry, just a little. Don't over saturate it. Be sure to **wash your hands** before each application, you could introduce bacteria from everyday objects you have encountered into your new tattoo if you don't.

During the next two weeks while your new bad ass tattoo is healing, keep it out of direct sunlight, no long soaking in any bodies of water, no picking or scratching your tattoo no matter how bad it itches. You can wash your tattoo once a day, but DON'T GET IT ANYMORE THAN A **SPLASH** WET. Don't try to be clever and wrap your tattoo with saran wrap or a baggy... it doesn't work and is unnecessary...

Use common sense, don't glob on the lotion, don't use a weird product someone gave you even if it has the words "TATTOO" on it. Just don't use anything I did NOT mention here...especially Aquaphor! I didn't tell you to use it so why the F&@K did you use it? I will not touch up or repair a tattoo you neglected to care for 'properly'... on a side note Sunscreen is NOT lotion.

TOUCH UPS

<u>IF</u> you should need any touch ups on your tattoo, please be sure to contact me within **3 months**, otherwise YOU will <u>have to pay</u> for your touch up. Touch ups are offered as a courtesy on NEW tattoos, not for the life of the tattoo...

Enjoy your new tattoo and feel free to contact me if you should have any questions, and as always it was an <u>honor</u> and a <u>privilege</u> to tattoo you, thank you for choosing me to do your body art.