## HOUSTON HEIGHTS TATTOO Aftercare Instructions

The first few days after you receive your tattoo are the most important healing period and it's in your best interest to take very good care of it and always feel free to contact your artist to ask any questions!

- Leave the bandage that was placed on your fresh tattoo on for at least two hours, and do not remove it until you can properly wash it.
- Make sure to wash your hands thoroughly and remove bandage.
- Keep free of <u>filth</u>. Wash the tattoo with an <u>antibacterial soap</u> and only use your hand. Do not use a washcloth or loofa!
- Dry the tattoo gently, dabbing with a paper towel. Then let the tattoo air dry.
- Put a <u>thin</u> layer of the <u>Aquaphor</u> on the dry tattoo and gently but thoroughly rub it in.
- Do not rebandage. If Rebandage is necessary, use STERILE bandages and dressing only.
- Repeat steps 3-5 for the first 2-3 days, then start using a <u>non-scented lotion</u>.
- Keep tattoo clean and moisturized. After healing, always use sunscreen to keep your skin and tattoo protected.

After the first few days you may notice some peeling and possibly some light scabbing. All these things are normal, just remember to keep the tattoo clean and moisturized. During the last couple days of the healing your tattoo will begin to itch. Resist the urge to scratch or pick at your tattoo!!

Consult your artist if you have any questions about your after care!!

- **DO NOT** Go swimming or soak in a hot tub or bath for at least 2 WEEKS. Showers only.
- DO NOT Expose your tattoo to direct sunlight for at least 2 WEEKS.
- **DO NOT** Use any Neosporin or any other ointment other than Aquaphor.
- **DO NOT** Wear restrictive clothing or irritating fabrics that might rub the tattoo.

## When in doubt, call the shop or email us!

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The client shall consent a health care practitioner at the first sign of infection or an allergic reaction, and report any diagnosed infection, allergic reaction, or adverse reaction resulting from the tattoo to the artist and to the Texas Department State Health Services, Drugs and Medical Devices Group, at 1-888-839-6676.