

Pet First Aid Kit

Every dog owner should have the basics of pet care on hand for emergencies. Keep it all together in a sturdy box or container.

- Absorbent compresses, gauze sponges
- Adhesive tape, hypoallergenic
- Antibiotic ointment
- Blanket
- clean cloth
- Cold compress
- Diphenhydramine (Benadryl®), if approved by your veterinarian for your dog, make sure it contains ONLY Diphenhydramine, no other cold meds
- Dog First Aid book
- Expired credit card (to scrape away stingers)
- Epsom salts (to make saline solution)
- Gloves (non-latex, disposable)
- Glucose paste or corn syrup if your pet is diabetic
- Grooming clippers
- Hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent (check expiration date)
- List of emergency telephone numbers, including your veterinarian, an after-hours emergency vet, and the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Animal Poison Control Center. (1-888-426-4435)
- Muzzle—make sure it fits your pet properly
- Nail clippers
- Needle nose pliers
- Nylon leash
- Petroleum Jelly
- Penlight
- Rectal thermometer (non-mercury/non-glass)
- Roll cohesive wrap, 3 inch width (stretches and clings to itself)
- Roll gauze, 2 inch width
- Scissors, small with blunt end
- Sterile gauze pads, non-adherent
- Sterile, water based lubricant (such as KY jelly) that washes off easily (to keep fur away from a wound)
- Syringe
- Sterile eye lubricant
- Sterile saline solution
- Styptic powder (to stop bleeding of nails)
- Towel
- Tweezers
- Wire cutters, small

Disaster Kit

- Pet identification
- A pet first aid kit (see above)
- Medical Records stored in a waterproof container; include vaccination records, medical conditions, vet's name & phone #, and any concerns.
- Food and Water for each pet; 3 day supply for evacuation and 2 day for at home.
- if you feed canned food, don't forget a manual can opener
- Food bowls
- Bedding/Blankets and toys to reduce stress and provide comfort
- Leashes/Harnesses and carriers to transport your pets safely and to ensure pets cannot escape
- Garbage bags, quart size storage bags, newspapers, paper towels and bleach to make a sanitizing solution for cleaning up pet waste.