



First Aid Kits for Pets

First aid emergencies are always easier to treat when you have all your tools in one place. Equally important is knowing when you can treat your pet at home and when you need to seek professional help. When in doubt, consult with your veterinarian or the nearest veterinary emergency hospital --- you can never be too safe!

When to Seek Immediate Veterinary Care:

- ☎ Difficulty breathing
- ☎ Bleeding from mouth, nose or anus
- ☎ Difficulty urinating
- ☎ Slow or fast heart rate
- ☎ Temperature of 103° F or higher
- ☎ Tender or bloated belly
- ☎ Animal bite
- ☎ Sunburn causing blistered/broken skin
- ☎ Allergic reaction to a bug bite or bee sting
- ☎ Vomiting or diarrhea lasting more than 24 hrs
- ☎ Depression, confusion or seizures
- ☎ Lump you can feel
- ☎ Appetite changes
- ☎ Anorexia (2 days of not eating for a dog, 24 hrs for a cat)
- ☎ Sudden changes in behavior: aggression, anxiety, accidents in the house, etc.

What to Put in Your Pet's First Aid Kit:

- ☎ Rectal thermometer
- ☎ Pen light or small flashlight
- ☎ Scissors
- ☎ Tweezers
- ☎ Needle-nose pliers
- ☎ Small wire snips
- ☎ Triple antibiotic ointment
- ☎ Sterile saline or contact solution
- ☎ 70% alcohol
- ☎ 3% hydrogen peroxide
- ☎ Disposable rubber gloves
- ☎ Cotton-tipped swabs (Q-tips)
- ☎ Styptic powder
- ☎ Toenail trimmer
- ☎ 60cc syringe for flushing wounds
- ☎ Bottled water or saline to use as flush
- ☎ Muzzle
- ☎ Petroleum jelly
- ☎ Non-stick wound pads or handkerchief
- ☎ Gauze pads
- ☎ 1-2" roll gauze
- ☎ Roll cotton (disposable diapers also work)
- ☎ 1-2" adhesive tape
- ☎ 2-3" elastic bandage (Vet wrap)

We recommend investing in a good first aid handbook. We suggest the following book:

The First Aid Companion for Dogs and Cats

By: Amy D. Shojai

Available at Amazon.com

****Keep these numbers handy!****

American Animal Hospital: 920-725-8522

Fox Valley Animal Referral Center: 920-993-9193

Green Bay Animal Emergency Center: 920-494-9400