



Pet first aid supplies checklist

As a pet owner, you need to make sure to have basic first aid supplies for your pets in your household. Carefully putting together a well-provisioned first aid kit will make you more ready to deal with a medical emergency if one confronts you for your dog, cat or other pet. Have this kit in the house and fully stocked with supplies at all times, next to the first aid kit for your family. Many of the items in a family first aid kit can be used for pets, too.

<input type="checkbox"/> Phone numbers and your pet's medical record (including medications and vaccination history) Veterinarian: Emergency veterinary clinic: Animal Poison Control Center: 888-4ANI-HELP (888-426-4435) <i>(there may be a fee for this call)</i>	Know these numbers before you need them. If you do not know the number of the emergency clinic in your area, ask your veterinarian or go to the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society Web site for a searchable list of emergency clinics by state or visit MyVeterinarian.com , enter the zip code, and check the "emergency" box to get a listing of emergency providers in the area.
<input type="checkbox"/> Gauze	For wrapping wounds or muzzling the injured animal
<input type="checkbox"/> Nonstick bandages, towels, or strips of clean cloth	To control bleeding or protect wounds
<input type="checkbox"/> Adhesive tape for bandages *do NOT use human adhesive bandages (eg, Band-Aids®) on pets	For securing the gauze wrap or bandage
<input type="checkbox"/> Milk of magnesia Activated charcoal	To absorb poison <i>Always</i> contact your veterinarian or local poison control center <i>before</i> inducing vomiting or treating an animal for poison
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrogen peroxide (3%)	To induce vomiting <i>Always</i> contact your veterinarian or local poison control center <i>before</i> inducing vomiting or treating an animal for poison
<input type="checkbox"/> Digital Thermometer —you will need a "fever" thermometer because the temperature scale of regular thermometers doesn't go	To check your pet's temperature. Do <i>not</i> insert a thermometer in your pet's mouth—the temperature must be taken rectally.

high enough for pets	
<input type="checkbox"/> Eye dropper (or large syringe without needle)	To give oral treatments or flush wounds
<input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle (in an emergency a rope, necktie, soft cloth, nylon stocking, small towel may be used)	To cover your pet's head. If your pet is vomiting, do <i>not</i> muzzle it!
<input type="checkbox"/> Leash	To transport your pet (if your pet is capable of walking without further injury)
<input type="checkbox"/> Stretcher (in an emergency a door, board, blanket or floor mat may be used)	To stabilize the injured animal and prevent further injury during transport

You can print out a copy of this checklist to use as a shopping list, and keep a copy on your refrigerator or next to your pet first aid kit for quick reference in emergencies.

Always remember that any first aid administered to your pet should be followed by immediate veterinary care. First aid care is not a substitute for veterinary care, but it may save your pet's life until it receives veterinary treatment.

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