



First Aid Kit

Most human first aid kits have the same things you would need for your pet such as bandaging material. However, you will need some additional items. Have your kit handy so you can reach it quickly when needed. Be sure to learn how to use the items in the kit before you need them.

Take it with you if you travel with your pet or if you must evacuate your home in an emergency. You can buy pre-made kits or make your own. Include the following:

- Waterproof container for supplies
- Latex gloves
- Non-adherent sterile pads
- Gauze sponges
- Gauze roll (2 inch width)
- Elastic cling bandage
- Medical tape
- Towels to make a splint
- Pen light or flashlight
- Bulb syringe & turkey baster
- Small scissors
- Tweezers or hemostat
- Needle-nose pliers and wire cutters
- Rectal thermometer
- Petroleum jelly or water-based lubricant
- Hydrogen peroxide (3%)
- Antibiotic ointment (Neosporin)
- Sterile saline wash
- Benadryl or generic equivalent
- Corn syrup (Karo syrup)
- Styptic powder (Kwik Stop)
- Clean cloth
- Towel to wrap your pet in
- Muzzle (can use strips of cloth)
- Nylon leash
- Pet carrier

- Pet's medical records
- Copy of your pet's medications
- Emergency numbers (ER, poison center, regular veterinarian)

Emergency Numbers

- U of I Emergency Clinic.....217-333-5300
- Pet Poison Helpline.....800-213-6680
- ASPCA Poison Control Center.....888-462-4435

Note: the poison centers charge a fee

