

Building Your Pet First Aid Kit

Here are a few things that you may want to have in your first aid kit for your pet. These may be things that you already have in your personal first aid kit.

- **Veterinarian & local pet emergency, or after-hours hospital phone numbers**
 - These are the most important things to have on hand. Your veterinarian can help talk you through any treatment that your pet may need. It also allows the veterinary hospital to know that you are coming so they can be prepared to treat your pet once you arrive.
- **Rolled Gauze**
 - Can be used to wrap wounds or as a muzzle, if needed.
 - Clean non-stick bandages, towels or strips of clean cloth - used to clean wounds and control bleeding (*do not use human adhesive bandages, i.e., Band-Aids® on pets).
- **Elastic Bandages**
 - Can be used as a wrap to control bleeding or to stabilize an injured leg.
- **First Aid Tape**
 - Used to hold bandages or wraps in place.
- **Scissors**
 - To cut bandages to the correct size.
- **Leash**
 - To transport pets if they can walk. If they can't walk, you can use a large towel or blanket as a stretcher.
- **Muzzle**
 - Many pets may become more aggressive when they are scared or in pain.
- **Eye Dropper/Oral Syringe**
 - To give oral treatments or flush wounds.

Don't forget to pack your pet's medical records with your other important documents!

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