

How to Put Together a Pet First Aid Kit

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Just like people, pets are at risk for illness and injury.

Although first aid is not a replacement for emergency veterinary care, it's important to have some supplies on hand to care for your pet while seeking veterinary advice.

Remember that an animal in pain is more likely to bite, so it's important to muzzle your pet if possible before attempting to administer care or transport your pet.

Being prepared for a pet emergency is important. Below is a list of items that should be in your pet's first aid kit:

- Gauze pads and tape
- Antiseptic solution
- Cotton balls
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Ice pack
- Rubber gloves
- Thermometer
- Saline solution
- OTC antibiotic ointment
- Tweezers
- Scissors
- Pet carrier
- Blanket
- Flashlight
- Towels
- Muzzle

Pet owners should also keep a list of phone numbers with their emergency supplies including their pet's regular veterinary office, a pet poison hotline, and the closest 24 hour emergency veterinary clinic.