

Pet First Aid Kit

Used in conjunction with The Caribbean Pet Guide by Kathleen Gallagher, available on the Doyle Guides mobile app.



According to professional experts, a pet first aid kit should include:

- Anxiety medication to have on hand, recommended by veterinarian
- Assorted sizes in gauze sponges or absorbent compresses
- Hypoallergenic adhesive tape
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Blanket
- Clean cloth
- Compress
- Benadryl is an appropriate dose for your pet's size if approved by your veterinarian. Make sure the product contains diphenhydramine **ONLY** and no other product.
- Dog or Cat First Aid book
- Expired credit card to scrape away stingers

- Epsom salt to make a saline solution
- Disposable non-latex gloves
- Elizabethan collar (proper size) to stop a dog from licking or chewing
- Glucose paste or corn syrup if your pet is diabetic or has low blood sugar
- Grooming clippers
- Hydrogen Peroxide – 3%
- Hotspot spray medication
- List of emergency telephone numbers, including your pet's veterinarian and Animal Poison Control Center – 1(888) 426 4435 / download a poison app
- Motion sickness preventative, if applicable, that is veterinarian-recommended
- Muzzle – a cage muzzle is best, but a soft, collapsible one will do. If you do not have a muzzle, make sure to have plenty of gauze to create a temporary one
- Nail clippers appropriate to your pet's nail size
- Needle-nose pliers
- Nylon leash – a few
- Pain medication prescribed by a veterinarian as an anti-inflammatory
- Petroleum jelly
- Penlight
- Rectal thermometer – non-mercury / non-glass
- Roll cohesive wrap, 3-inch width that stretches and self-clings
- Roll gauze, 2-inch width, cotton
- Rubbing alcohol (isopropyl)

- Scissors, small with blunt end
- Sterile gauze pads, non-adherent, and assorted sizes
- Sterile, water-based lubricant that washes off easily to keep fur away from a wound
- Syringe (baby dose size)
- Sterile eye lubricant (available at pharmacies)
- Sterile saline eye wash (available at pharmacies)
- Styptic powder (to stop bleeding from broken nails, available at pet stores)
- Tweezers
- Tick remover tool
- Wire cutters, small to cut barbs off embedded fishing hooks
- Consider antivenom for snake bites
- Intravenous bag of fluid and a needle in case of heatstroke or dehydration