Dog First Aid Kit

This list will help you assemble some basics you'll need in a first-aid kit for a canine medical emergency or health issue. Aside from these items, be sure to remember to include a canine first-aid manual that you can keep with your kit, as well as important paperwork, including a copy of your dog's medical records, vaccination records, and emergency phone numbers.

Dressings and Bandages:

- Gauze pads and 1 gauze roll. Individually wrapped sanitary napkin for bleeding wounds, sterile non-stick pads, Q-tips.
- Adhesive tape (1" roll), or self-adhesive bandage wrap
- Betadine solution – small amount in water tight container
- Non-latex exam gloves

Instruments:

- Digital thermometer (check batteries twice yearly)
- Small Scissors – blunt tipped
- Tweezers – for removing slivers, foxtails, ticks, etc.
- Syringe – Large for flushing wounds. Small for administering medications
- Toenail clippers appropriate for your pet, in case of nail injury.

Ointments, Disinfectants and Medications:

- Styptic powder for bleeding nail injuries
- Antihistamine – Benadryl – Know your pets dose and label each dose for each pet. Ask your veterinarian about dosing.
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Hydrogen Peroxide 3% – Know your pets dose so that when called for to induce vomiting following ingestion of toxin you are ready to give the right amount. Always call poison control BEFORE inducing vomiting. In small watertight container. Not for wound cleansing.
- Chemical Ice Pack – Strains and sprains
- Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug– Pain and swelling associated with severe trauma. Do not give human products. Ask your vet for appropriate medication and dosing for your pets. Not for cats!
- Saline flush for irrigating wounds – can be found with contact lens items at any store.

Equipment and Supplies:

- Slip leash
- Muzzle – sized for your pet for everyone's safety when any animal is in pain
- Needle nose pliers for cutting wire and extracting fish hooks
- Penlight – For visualizing the back of the throat
- Space blanket – For shock
- Towel or blanket – For restraint of cats and small dogs
- Emergency phone numbers: Pet Poison Hotline, Emergency Vet Clinic, Police

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