

First Aid Kits for Small Pets: What to Include

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SMALL PET FIRST AID KIT

Since you never know when an accident will happen, keeping a pet emergency kit at your home is a good idea. You can put a first aid kit together yourself and buy the items separately, or buy one ready-made.

If you make one yourself, use a small plastic tub with a tight fitting lid to store the following items:

Important phone numbers

- Veterinary clinic phone number and directions to the clinic
- Emergency clinic phone number and directions
- Poison Control Center phone numbers

Equipment and supplies

- Clean towels - cloth and paper
- Cotton balls
- Cotton swabs
- Disposable gloves
- Eye dropper
- Gram scale
- Heat pack or hot water bottle (to keep pet warm during transport; wrap the pack in a towel - do not apply directly to your pet, or burns may result)
- [Heated Pet Pad](#) or heat lamp to use at home
- Lubricant such as mineral oil or KY Jelly (without spermicide)
- Magnifying glass
- Nail clippers and metal nail file
- Needle-nose pliers or [hemostats](#)
- Penlight
- Pet carrier
- Rectal thermometer
- Scalpel blades and handles
- [Scissors](#)
- [Stethoscope](#)
- Styptic powder or sticks, [Kwik Stop](#), or cornstarch
- [Syringes](#) of various sizes
- Tweezers
- Wire cutters

Bandaging materials

- Band-Aids (human-type)
- Bandage rolls - gauze and [Vetrap™](#)
- First aid tape - both paper (easily comes off of skin) and adhesive types
- Non-stick pads
- Square gauze of various sizes - some sterile

Nutritional support

- Rehydrating solution such as Gatorade or unflavored Pedialyte

Medicines*

- Antibiotic ophthalmic ointment for eyes, e.g., [Terramycin](#)
- Eye wash solution
- A probiotic gel such as BeneBac, LactoBac, Probios, or Fastrack
- Sterile saline
- Triple antibiotic ointment for skin
- Wound disinfectant such as Betadine or Povidone

*Watch the expiration dates on any medication, and replace as needed.

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