



FIRST AID KIT

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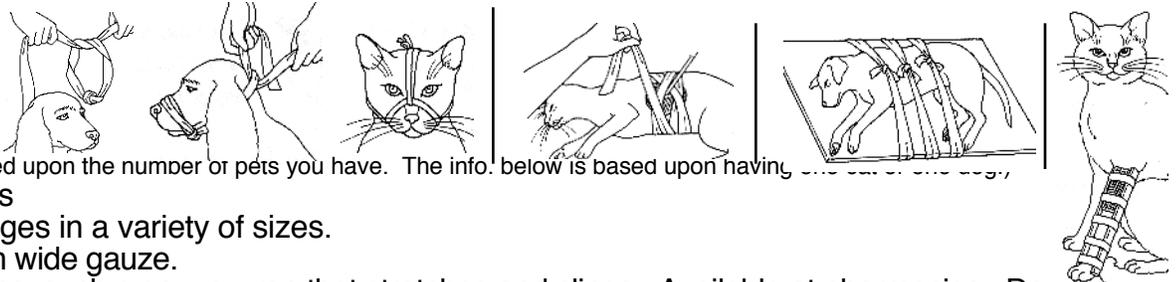


Moving the Pet

First thing, be cautious. An injured animal may bite or scratch. No matter how much you love this animal, he is now in pain, in shock, and scared. Move slowly. If necessary, muzzle the pet. A leash can be used to keep a dog's mouth closed. An old sock or roll of gauze works well too.

The manner in which you move your pet will depend on the extent of its injuries. If the injuries are minor, simply lift the pet straight up supporting the chest and the hind quarters. On cats you can hold onto the scruff to lift. Wrap a towel or blanket around the pet to keep him warm and help prevent shock. Gently place the pet in a carrier or box, taking care not to exacerbate any injury. In a pinch, you can even transport your pet in a pillowcase or gym bag as long as you maintain enough air flow.

If the pet is critically injured, be extremely careful when moving it. If there is a possibility that your pet has a broken back, provide support by gently placing the animal on a board, baking pan, or other flat surface. If any limbs appear to be broken, lay the pet on its side with the injured leg up. If the pet has been impaled by glass or some other object, and it's protruding from a wound, do not remove the glass/object. The glass/object could be preventing massive bleeding from the site. Loose shards of glass can be removed. Secure the glass/object in its exact position using gauze and whatever else is necessary.



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(Judge the amounts based upon the number of pets you have. The info. below is based upon having one dog and one cat.)

- * Latex gloves
- * Gauze sponges in a variety of sizes.
- * Roll of 2 inch wide gauze.
- * Roll bandages, such as a gauze wrap that stretches and clings. Available at pharmacies. Do not confuse this with an elastic wrap. Have extra if you plan to use this as muzzle material.
- * Material to make a splint. This can include pieces of wood, newspaper and sticks. The wooden stir stick for paint sold and given away at hardware stores work great for this.
- * Adhesive tape, preferably hypo-allergenic.
- * Non-stick sterile pads. These pads make excellent dressings and can be purchased at most pharmacies.
- * Scissors. Diaper safety pins. Tweezers.
- * Grooming clippers or a safety razor.
- * Nylon leash. Muzzle. (a soft collapsible one may be easiest to pack into kit & be sure it fits your pet, you will need them to fit).
- * Towel. Blanket. A compact thermal blanket would be the best. They can be found at some pharmacies and also at sporting goods stores.
- * Pediatric rectal thermometer or a digital thermometer.
- * 3% hydrogen peroxide. Always dilute hydrogen peroxide 50/50 with water.
- * Rubbing alcohol (isopropyl).
- * Topical antibiotic ointment. From a vet: Panalog. Or, you can use Neosporin or Polysporin.
- * Sterile saline eye wash. The sterile saline only solutions found in the contact lens section of the stores is okay to use.
- * Expired or old credit card. This is to scrap away debris from a wound.
- * Petroleum jelly
- * Penlight and batteries.
- * Clean cloth.
- * Needle nose pliers. Duct tape.