



First Aid For Your Pet

Many of our homes have all the necessary supplies for a human emergency or injury. But what about our pets? The Humane Society of Harrisburg Area (HSHA) encourages pet owners to be prepared in case of a pet emergency.

One way to be prepared is by having a pet first aid kit. Always consult with your veterinarian before using a first aid kit and be prepared for what to do in an emergency, such as poison ingestion or lacerations. An emergency first-aid kit for your pet should contain:

- a fresh bottle of hydrogen peroxide, 3 percent USP (to induce vomiting)
- a turkey baster, bulb syringe or large medicine syringe (to administer peroxide)
- saline eye solution
- artificial tear gel (to lubricate eyes after flushing)
- mild grease-cutting dishwashing liquid (for bathing an animal after skin contamination)
- forceps (to remove stingers)
- a muzzle or leash (to protect against fear- or excitement-induced biting)
- insect sting relief pads
- instant cold packs
- antibiotic ointment
- wrap bandage
- gauze pads
- styptic powder
- a can of your pet's favorite wet food

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