Pet Emergency Checklist

# Keep in Mind…

When an animal becomes ill or requires emergency first aid care, your veterinarian should be contacted **immediately** before attempting any at-home care.

# General Items

[ ]  Book/printouts detailing animal first-aid procedures and tips

[ ]  Copies of your pet’s medical/vaccination records

[ ]  Contact information for your:

* Veterinarian
* Nearest emergency Veterinary clinic
* ASPCA’s Animal Poison Control Center (1-888-426-4435)
* Friend or family member that is familiar with your pet

# Pet-Specific Supplies

[ ]  Spare leash and collar

[ ]  Cloth or cage muzzle

[ ]  Prescribed medication records

[ ]  Bottled water and bowl

[ ]  Bag of food (be sure to note expiration and replace as needed!)

[ ]  Dog waste bag, paper towels, and antibacterial soap

# First-Aid Supplies

[ ]  Gauze rolls and adhesive tapes – used to control bleeding and provide support for suspected sprains or bone breaks.)

[ ]  Bandage scissors

[ ]  Self-adhesive bandages (does not stick to fur)

[ ]  Antiseptic products – Used on cutes and scratches to prevent infection and relieve pain

[ ]  Cotton balls

[ ]  Gauze pads (for wound cleaning)

[ ]  Instant Ice pack

[ ]  Saline solution

[ ]  Blanket

[ ]  Pet Carrier

# Over-the-Counter Items

[ ]  Artificial tear solution

[ ]  Veterinary-suggested allergy medicine, such as Diphenhydramine

[ ]  Water-based sterile lubricant

[ ]  Styptic powder or pencil

[ ]  Rubbing alcohol

[ ]  Hydrogen peroxide

[ ]  Corn syrup for animals that are diabetic or have low blood sugar

# Useful Tools

[ ]  Thermometer

[ ]  Tweezers

[ ]  Nail trimmers

[ ]  Needle-nose pliers

[ ]  Syringes of various sizes

[ ]  Eye droppers

[ ]  Flashlight

# REMEMBER!

* Injured pets may be scared, in pain, or confused.
* Even the gentlest of pets may bite or scratch
* Take precautions to avoid getting hurt:
	+ Avoid mouth
	+ Do not smother the pet
	+ Stay calm, slowly move, and handle carefully
	+ Stop if pet becomes agitated
	+ Use a muzzle, but only if the animal is not vomiting.
* If possible, secure animal in a carrier during transport.
* To avoid distraction and provide comfort, have someone ride with you or drive you to the veterinarian.

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