

AT HOME FIRST AID FOR YOUR CAT OR DOG

It never hurts to be prepared, and when it comes to our pets that's no different. Having a pet emergency/first aid kit at home can help you be better equipped to defuse an emergency until your pet can be seen by a veterinarian.

For emergencies during our regular clinic hours, call 360-683-7286 to be seen in our office.

For after-hours emergencies, please call the Animal Emergency and Trauma Center in Poulsbo at 360-697-7771.

An easy way to assemble your pet first aid kit is to buy a human first aid kit and add pet-specific items. Below is an overview of the items you should have on hand.

- Disposable Gloves
- Nail Clippers
- Ear Cleaner
- Non-prescription antibiotic ointment (Neosporin)
- Blunt ended scissors
- A towel
- Bandage material (sterile non-stick gauze, self-adhesive wrap, cotton roll)
- Penlight or Flashlight
- Rectal thermometer (and lubricant)
- Saline solution
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Syringe
- Benadryl (Diphenhydramine) for allergic reactions (consult a doctor for dosage)
- Antiseptic cleanser such as Betadine
- A nylon leash
- Muzzle (appropriate size for your pet)
- A pillowcase to restrain a cat if necessary
- Your veterinarian's information (phone number and directions) as well as the poison control center
- Your pet's paperwork and important medical records, as well as a current photo in case your pet is lost