



Pug Mania

DOG FIRST AID KIT

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Dog First Aid Kit

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Soffban Plus

Soffban is the first layer when applying a dressing. It can be torn off and placed between the animals' toes to keep them clean, dry and comfortable. It is soft and absorbent for placing over wounds. When applying any bandage, do not unravel too much off the roll to ensure that there is even tension across the whole dressing.

Check the dressing is not too tight by placing two fingers down the side. This should be tight but not uncomfortable.



Knit-Fix

This is the second layer when applying a bandage to the animal. This is a conforming bandage, which means it can be stretched to maximum, released and then remain in much the same condition as the original bandage. They do contain a degree of elastic and so care must be taken to ensure they are not tied too tightly. They can act as a support bandage but again, ensure it is not too tight. Check that you can fit two fingers down the side relatively tightly, but comfortably.



Co-Flex

This is the top layer of your dressing. It holds everything in place safely and cleanly. Wrap the bandage around the dressing; again, ensuring it is not too tight. The Co-Flex will attach to itself when pressed. Ensure you do not pull too much off the role to make sure the tension is consistent throughout. This bandage will help keep your underneath dressings clean and dry.



Non-Alcohol Sterile Wipes

These wipes will aid in the quick cleaning of a wound. As there is no alcohol present, they will not sting the area. They are also useful as they are sterile and so will help to reduce the amount of bacteria entering the wound.



Sterile Saline Pods

These saline pods are useful for the quick, sterile cleaning of a wound. It will enable you to assess the damage easier and gives you a cleaner area for applying a dressing.



Tweezers

Tweezers will enable you to remove any obvious foreign objects in the wound. It will make the cleaning and repairing of the wound slightly quicker. Do not pull out any foreign objects that appear stuck, this can result in further complications.



Scissors

Scissors can be used for cutting off bandages or cutting obstructions off to the animal. Care that they are not left near the animal as this could result in further injury.



Clinical Waste Bags

Clinical waste bags are useful for putting any waste or used bandages in. Also can be used for placing any soiled materials in.



Micropore Tape

Micropore can be used for attaching parts of bandage together; ensure it is not too tight.



Baskerville Muzzle for Dogs

Muzzles are important for protecting yourself against any potentially aggressive dogs. If it is safe to do so, apply the muzzle if you feel you could be at risk. If there are injuries to the face or nose, do not apply the muzzle. **Also, if the dog is a flat-nosed breed e.g. Pug, Bulldog etc., do not apply the muzzle as this will cause further complications and stress to the animal.**



Cotton Wool

Though cotton wool must not be placed directly over a wound, it can be used as an absorbent or to clean up waste. It can be torn off and placed in-between the toes or made wet to wipe off blood or other soiling to the animal.



Digital Thermometer

Where appropriate, it is good practice to take the animals temperature to ascertain the animal's status. Digital thermometers are much safer and more accurate than the mercury variety.



Gloves

Gloves are an important part of the first aid kit. They will help keep the wound clean and will also protect your hands if there are any poisons present on the animal.



Tick Hook

Tick hooks are recommended when removing ticks. Tweezers may not remove the entire tick and can still leave the head and jaws in the animal. If you suspect your animal may have ticks, thoroughly check their body. Remove the tick promptly to reduce the risk of diseases being transmitted and to ensure your animal is comfortable. Dispose of the tick effectively, dousing it in spirit and removing it from any other living things.



Syringes

Syringes can be useful for directing saline or water to the wound and will reduce any wastage due to their narrow openings.



Swabs

Swabs are useful for packing over bleeding. They are highly absorbent and will not drop fibres into the wound.



Allevyn Lite Bandage

Allevyn is a sterile wound dressing. It is highly beneficial when placing a bandage over a wound as it will not stick to the area and will reduce the amount of bacteria entering the cut. It can also be cut to size, reducing the amount of waste and giving you the option to further dress on top.



Foil Blanket

This is used for animals in shock or those suffering from hypothermia. Keep monitoring the animal and take their temperature to ensure they do not overheat. Do not use this if the animal is too hot.



Details of your Vet

An important part of the first aid kit is your vet's details. It is easy to forget such simple things like phone numbers when in an emergency. This will ensure you can always contact them.



Instructions for Use of First Aid Kit

Another important part of the kit; this will ensure you use the first aid kit to its' full capabilities and ensure all objects are used correctly and appropriately.

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Container for First Aid Kit



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First aid kit courtesy of Lorna Banks TVN.