

What do I put in a pet first aid kit?

- Latex gloves & hand wipes
- Unopened bottle of hydrogen peroxide 3% (induce vomiting—call Poison Center first)
- Beef or chicken broth (fluids pet will drink)
- Turkey baster or syringe (give fluids)
- Penlight or flashlight
- Rectal thermometer & lubricating jelly
- A pillowcase (confine small animal)
- Instant hot and cold packs
- Blunt tipped scissors or razor (cut hair)
- Nonstick & water proof adhesive tape
- Sterile gauze pads & bandages
- Splints and tongue depressors
- Stockinette (protect bandage on leg/foot)
- Alcohol swabs
- Antiseptic lotion, powder, or spray
- Grease-cutting dish soap (wash fur, wounds)
- Cotton swabs & cotton balls
- Rubber bulb syringe (eyes, ears, wounds)
- Forceps and/or tweezers
- Styptic liquid (toenail bleeding)
- Antibiotic ointment (wounds)
- Hydrocortisone cream (rashes, itching)

Also have:

- Phone numbers:
 - Poison Center: **1-800-222-1222**
 - Veterinarian: _____
 - ER Vet Clinic: _____
- Paperwork:
 - Rabies vaccination
 - Medical records



Poison First Aid

This first aid information does not take the place of expert advice. Always call the Poison Center right away.

Inhaled Poison

Get to fresh air right away and avoid fumes. Open doors and windows wide.

Poison on the Skin

Rinse skin and fur with running water. Wash off with soap and water.

Poison in the Eye

Run lukewarm tap water over eye for 10 min. Do not force the eyelid open.

Swallowed Poison

Do not make the animal vomit, drink or eat unless told by a poison expert.

Be Prepared

Keep a new bottle of *hydrogen peroxide* (will help make an animal vomit) at home. **Always** call the Poison Center before using.

Poison Help & Information:

1-800-222-1222

Language Line available for non-English speakers

Hearing impaired TDD: 1-800-572-0638



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What can poison an animal?

Most dangers for an animal are like those for a small child. The following items are of real concern for animals and spills should be quickly cleaned.

Keep these items out of reach and in their original, labeled containers:

- Slug bait, rat/mouse, ant or roach poisons.
- Antifreeze, oil or other car products.
- Fertilizers & pesticides.
- All medicines (dogs often chew pill containers and cream tubes).
- Cleaning products (powders and liquids).
- Plants known to be toxic.
- Fumes from nonstick cooking surfaces and self-cleaning ovens (deadly to birds).
- Homemade cedar & soft wood shavings—including pine (small animals).
- Homemade rawhide doggie chews (may have salmonella).



Call the **Washington Poison Center** for free and confidential expert poison information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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What about giving medicine to my pet?

A few reminders to keep your pet safe when using medicine:

- Be careful with pills. Pets often find the dropped pill before anyone else.
- Do not leave pills loose on a table or counter.
- If you and your pet both take medications, do not get them out at the same time. It is easy to get them mixed up.
- Only give pets 'human' medication if told by a veterinarian.
- If your pet is given an incorrect medicine or product, call the Poison Center at **1-800-222-1222**.



Are all animal products safe?

Use the correct product on the correct animal. Animals can be harmed by using the wrong product. Read ALL directions before use.

Is it safe to give pets table scraps?

It is hard to resist their begging, but many "people" foods can be dangerous to animals. The Poison Center recommends that you do not give the following foods to your pet:

- × Alcohol
- × Avocados—toxic to birds, mice, rabbits, horses, cattle & goats
- × Chocolate (any)—poisonous to dogs, cats & ferrets
- × Coffee (grounds, beans)
- × Fruit seeds
- × Garlic
- × Hops (used in home beer brewing)
- × Macadamia nuts
- × Moldy foods
- × Mushroom plants
- × Mustard seeds
- × Nutmeg
- × Onions & onion powder
- × Pits from apricots, cherries or peaches
- × Plums, raisins & grapes
- × Potato leaves, stems (green parts)
- × Rhubarb leaves
- × Salt
- × Tea (caffeine)
- × Tomato leaves, stem (green parts)
- × Walnuts
- × Yeast dough

