



Fun Kids' Project: First Aid Kit for Pets

Being prepared in an emergency is especially important for pets since they are dependent on us for care. Here's a fun yet practical project for kids to learn about pet safety and emergency preparedness.

SUPPLIES FOR YOUR PET'S FIRST AID KIT:

Selecting a Container

A waterproof container is good idea, but not completely necessary. Airtight Ziploc bags can help provide the essentials with the waterproofing they'll need. Remember, you'll want a container that is easily portable and will not become cumbersome. Assemble the list of items below first to determine the size of the container.

First Aid Kit Basics

The basic supplies for a first aid kit are:

Scissors

Tweezers

Cotton Balls/Swabs

2 rolls of Gauze

(one can be used to tie a muzzle in a pinch)

Flexible Bandage Tape

Antiseptic Spray or Wipes

Antibiotic Ointment (Neosporin)

Rubbing Alcohol

Saline Solution

Hydrogen Peroxide.

These will provide you with first aid and wound dressing essentials.



Other Items

Flashlight and extra Batteries

Bottled Water

Light Weight Blanket

Extra Leash and Collar

Muzzle

(remember, the gauze can also act as a muzzle)

Latex Gloves / Nitro Gloves

Paint Stir Sticks. Paint stir sticks make great splints.

They're generally available free from the any of the big box retailer paint departments.

Pet Medical Records

Remember to include your pet's medical records.

These are extremely important, especially during travel.

You will want to ensure the records are stored in a waterproof bag.

Decorate the First Aid Kit Container

This is a very fun and creative aspect of the project. Allow the kids to use their imagination to personalize the container and make it easily recognizable for quick access.

Finally, encourage a discussion about safety and emergency preparedness for the entire family, including pets. Yes, this is a serious topic, but asking the kids to create your pet's first aid kit will help them to enjoy the process and remember what they've learned!

