

Pet First Aid Checklist

Basic supplies to keep on hand at home

Keep these basic supplies on hand at home so you're prepared for minor injuries and everyday mishaps. For anything beyond minor first aid, contact your veterinarian promptly.

Item	Where Best Obtained
Hydrogen peroxide 3% USP	Pharmacy or medical supply
Turkey baster or needle-less 12cc syringe	Supermarket or your veterinarian's office
Saline eye wash	Pharmacy or medical supply
Artificial tear ointment	Pharmacy, medical supply, or your veterinarian's office
Mild grease-cutting detergent (e.g., Dawn)	Supermarket
Forceps (tweezers)	Pharmacy, medical or beauty supply
Muzzle	Pet store
Bandages / gauze / medical tape	Medical supply
Triple antibiotic ointment (e.g., Neosporin)	Pharmacy or medical supply

Tip

Medical supply stores carry useful items — bandages, non-stick medical tape, gauze pads, cotton balls, long cotton swabs, and inexpensive absorbent pads (without the attractant hormone used in puppy-training pads) — often at bulk-rate prices that beat a small package from a major chain pharmacy.

Look for stores that also sell wheelchairs, oxygen, and other home health supplies — they usually carry the good stuff at good prices, and are often simply named “[Your Town] Medical Supply.” Worth searching for.