



Pittwater Animal Hospital

We are your pet's other best friend.

FACT SHEET

Organising a First-Aid Kit

Accidents happen, even to pets; in some cases, *especially* to pets. So it makes good sense to be prepared just in case. An ounce of prevention in the form of a first-aid kit could reduce the treatment necessary or even save your pet's life.

We suggest you assemble and keep handy the following:

- Our phone number: **9913-7979**. If you need after-hours care, we are a member of Northside After-Hours Emergency Service, 612 Warringah Road, Forestville. Their number is **9452-2933**. For a map see the **Emergencies** page on our website.
- A First-Aid manual. The Animal Emergency Centre in Brisbane publishes a good one called the *Guide to First Aid for Your Pet*.
- Rectal thermometer and lubricant
- Sterile gauze to cover wounds and help prevent further infection
- Bandages (the soft conforming type work best)
- Scissors
- Adhesive tape
- Cotton wool
- Sterile saline to flush debris from wounds
- An antiseptic such as Betadine.

It's also a good idea to include splint material (a piece of wood will do), a leather lead (to put over the muzzle of a frightened or aggressive animal), material strong enough to make a tourniquet and a blanket to keep the animal warm or use to form a stretcher.

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