



Brazos Valley Equine Hospitals

FIRST-AID KIT

Emergencies happen to everyone at any time. When an emergency occurs what should you do? If you're prepared, you call your vet as you get out your first-aid kit and start tending to your horse.

If you're not prepared, you can lose valuable time searching through the cabinets for supplies scattered in the barn, house, and trailer. Take the time now to get organized. It may help save your horse unnecessary suffering if and when an emergency situation arises.

You can buy pre-made equine first aid kits, or you can gather your own supplies and make your own kit. Here are some suggestions to get you started.

Storage Box

Find a plastic tote or 5 gallon can with a lid. Other options include large plastic bins. Having a lid will keep all or your supplies together, clean and dry. Label it with Equine First Aid Kit and list its contents for reference in case of an emergency.

Physical Exam Tools

Thermometer Stethoscope Weight Tape

Bandage Material

4X4 Gauze Sponges

A couple clean towels - *For applying pressure to wounds and cleaning horses*

Duct Tape- 3 inch white tape one roll

4 inch Vetrap multiple rolls

Polo Wraps and quilts

Non-stick gauze pads like Telfa

Soaking pad or Diaper - *For wrapping feet to draw out an abscess*

4 inch Elastikon

Animalintex poultice pads



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Wound Care

Dilute betadine or chlorhexadine - For cleaning wounds. Hydrogen peroxide is toxic to tissues

Triple antibiotic or Gentocin eye ointment - Can be used for eye injuries and in wounds

Saline Solutions - For cleaning wounds and rinsing eyes

Wound Ointment (Nolvason or SSD) - Contact your vet before applying anything into a wound

Swat - For repelling flies

Magnesium sulfate paste - For use with a diaper to draw out a foot abscess

Drugs

Banamine Paste - Contact your veterinarian before administering

Bute Powder - Contact your veterinarian before administering

Dexamethasone injectable - Contact your veterinarian before administering

Buscopan injectable - Contact your veterinarian before administering

Aluminum Spray - Topical sprays for superficial wounds

Dormosedan gel - Contact your veterinarian before administering under the tongue

Injectable sedative - Contact your veterinarian before administering

SMZ tablets - Contact your veterinarian before administering

Gatorade or Flavoring Powder - Use to flavor water and encourage drinking away from home

Electrolyte Paste

Fly Spray/Repellant

Other

Vet phone numbers

Insurance info and contact numbers

Treatment authorization US Rider form

Information about horse(s)

Phone number to a friend with horse trailer

An equine first aid book

Latex gloves

Twitch

Halter and lead rope

Flashlight

Short piece of garden hose - Slide up nose to keep airway open when face is swelling

Large dose syringe

Small syringes

Wire cutters and pliers

Blunt tipped bandage scissors

Hay string

Zip ties

Hoof knife and pick

Multi-tool