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Suggested Items For Your First-Aid Kit:

- 🐾 2 rolls of 3" gauze bandage
- 🐾 3" X 3" gauze sponges
- 🐾 Nonstick adhesive tape
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- 🐾 Antibiotic ointment (e.g. Neosporin, Animax)
- 🐾 Water soluble lubricating jelly (e.g. K-Y Brand)- to take temperatures and to keep debris out of open wounds
- 🐾 Sterile saline solution (e.g. those used for contact lenses) - to flush eyes/wounds - DO NOT use Visine, Murine, etc.
- 🐾 Hydrogen peroxide - to induce vomiting or clean scrapes (Do not use on puncture wounds.)
- 🐾 Tweezers
- 🐾 Nail trimmers and styptic powder (to stop the bleeding if the nail is trimmed too short).
- 🐾 Rectal thermometer (dogs'/cats' normal temperature is 101 - 102.5 degrees)
- 🐾 Muzzle - the nylon muzzles preferable
- 🐾 Benadryl or diphenhydramine elixir (12.5 mg/ml liquid - **caution: most are 12.5 mg/tsp**). 25 mg capsules can be used instead. Dosage = 1 mg/pound. (Not recommended for pets with a history of seizures.)
- 🐾 Paper towels - to clean up messes
- 🐾 Several large plastic bags - to protect your vehicle's upholstery/house furnishings from blood, urine, feces.

Additional Items:

- 🐾 Clean towels - to restrain your pet
- 🐾 Blanket - to keep your pet comfortable as well as warm in the event of shock
- 🐾 Hot water bottle (a 2-liter bottle filled with warm water can substitute) or a rice-filled stocking (wrap in a towel or slip into a thick sock after warming)
- 🐾 Pet carrier - to transport small pets
- 🐾 A plywood board the appropriate size for both your pet and vehicle - to use in transporting large pets to your veterinarian, especially when a back injury is involved.

***This information was provided by a book entitled: Emergency First Aid for Your Dog by Tamara S. Sherer, DVM. It was published by Ohio Distinctive Publishing, Inc. - 1996. This book provides a lot of valuable information about what to do in virtually every possible emergency situation. If interested in more information:

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