



Archie's Exotic Pet Rescue

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Bunny First Aid Kit Information



Preparing an emergency kit for your rabbit can be a great stress relief. You know that if an emergency happens, you'll have the supplies you need to care for your rabbit when they need it.

Of course, the first action you should take when you are faced with an emergency situation is to get in contact with your rabbit's veterinarian. But it's always useful to have supplies on hand in the case that you cannot get to your vet right away. It's also a good idea to have basic supplies so that you can deal with minor accidents that don't require veterinary care. You can also store your basic rabbit care tools in your rabbit first aid kit. Items such as brushes and clippers in or with the first aid kit will keep everything in one place. It will prevent you from misplacing any items so you can find them again whenever you need them.

The first aid kit is also a way of making sure you have everything you would need in an emergency situation. If there is a natural disaster that forces you to evacuate your home, you'll have everything for your rabbit in one place so you can quickly gather everything and get to safety.

So what should you have on hand to care for your fluffy friend?

Phone numbers for your exotic veterinarian and closest emergency veterinarian

- In case of emergency or even just for advice. It is also a good idea to have the number of an emergency vet or animal hospital you can call during non-business hours.



CRITICAL CARE

Oxbow Critical Care for herbivores is a must-have for every rabbit owner! It is a feed made especially to help rabbits recover from surgery or illness. You can use a spoon or syringe to slowly feed them if they are reluctant to eat it.



SYRINGE(S)

For measuring and administering medicine or food/water (if not eating/drinking).



NATURPET HEALING SPRAY

A natural, safe product that can be sprayed directly on a (clean) wound to promote healing.



INFANT GAS DROPS

Relieves minor gas issues. If your rabbit is refusing food and has a hard or bloated abdomen, they could have painful gas building up. Rabbits can not burp or vomit, so their digestive system can slow down or get blocked. Use a small oral syringe to give them 1 cc of drops every hour for about 3 hours. The mint flavored drops are not recommended.



ANTIBIOTIC EYE DROPS

Whether your rabbit has a weepy eye from contact with hay or some other condition, antibiotic eye drops are great to have on hand.





SMALL LED FLASHLIGHT

Use a small flashlight to examine eyes, nose, and ears, or to help with nail trimming. You can also use the flashlight on your cell phone.



QUALITY PET NAIL CLIPPERS

Carefully trim rabbit toenails regularly, so they don't scratch themselves or rip a nail.



STYPTIC POWDER OR CORNSTARCH

If you trim rabbit nails too short, they will bleed. Dip the toenail in Styptic Powder (found at most pet stores) or cornstarch to stop the bleeding. Styptic powder should only be used on bleeding nails – do not apply to wounds on the skin.



PROBIOTIC

A probiotic supplement that supports the digestive system. For when rabbit appetite is decreasing, has an upset tummy, or is experiencing stress, this can help restore digestive balance. Follow the instructions on the back of the container, but generally, you will mix 1/2 tsp in their water daily for a few days.



BABY FOOD

Baby food is easy to feed with a syringe and will help rabbits that aren't eating. Look for organic pumpkin or squash with no additives or preservatives. You will want to dilute it with water so it is runny. Use the syringe to VERY slowly put some food into the side of their mouth, giving them time to chew and swallow.





PAPAYA SUPPORT

Papaya helps hair/fur to move along through the GI tract. A tablet or two, once a week will help keep hairballs from forming.



NON LATEX GLOVES or HAND SANITIZER

For you, to prevent the spread of germs between you and your bunny.



GAUZE PADS, COTTON BALLS, Q-TIPS, TWEEZERS

For cleaning and bandaging wounds and for cleaning ears/eyes.



VETRAP BANDAGES

Vetrap is a self-sticking bandage perfect for treating animals. Keep some small scissors with them to cut the bandages.



REHYDRATE DRINK

Plain Pedialyte can be used to syringe feed fluids to your rabbit when they are not drinking. Plain water is still very useful. You can also add a little bit of unsweetened apple or carrot juice to make it more appetizing.





RABBIT GROOMING TOOLS

Keeping rabbit coats groomed helps prevent fur ingestion and blockage.



HOCK SOCKS

Your bunny may at times struggle with sore hocks. To be prepared, it is a good idea to have a pair in your First Aid kit. Our friends at One Two Hop have the solution for you! Handmade right here in Alberta

