

## **First Aid Kit for your Sled Dogs: DO YOU HAVE ONE?**

Store this kit in a waterproof pouch or small toolbox and the larger supplies in a plastic box. Keep this first aid kit on your dog truck. Medications or medical supplies should be checked for expiration dates periodically and outdated supplies discarded. *Most all supplies are available @ pharmacies and pet supply stores or pet catalogs.*

Your first aid kit should include the following:

- Latex gloves.
- Gauze sponges in a variety of sizes, both large and small.
- Roll gauze, 2-inch width.
- Roll bandages, such as gauze that stretches and clings (vet wrap).
- Materials to make a splint. This could include pieces of wood, newspaper and sticks.
- Adhesive tape.
- Non-adherent sterile pads.
- Small scissors.
- Grooming clippers or a safety razor.
- Nylon leash.
- Towel.
- Muzzle. You can use a soft collapsible one or use roll gauze as a make shift muzzle.
- Compact thermal blanket.
- Rectal thermometer (may be digital).
- Water-based sterile lubricant.
- 3% hydrogen peroxide.
- Rubbing alcohol (isopropyl).
- Topical antibiotic ointment (Neosporin).
- Epsom salts.
- Baby dose syringe or eye dropper.
- Sterile eye lubricant.
- Sterile eyewash.
- Benadryl if approved by your veterinarian. This is for allergic reactions. 30-50# dog 25 mg.
- Glucose paste or corn syrup.
- Veterinary Styptic powder for small cuts, such as broken nails.
- Plastic card (like a credit card) to scrape away stingers.
- Petroleum jelly.
- Penlight.
- Clean cloth.
- Needle nose pliers.
- Your veterinarian phone number and after hours emergency vet hospital.
- National Animal Poison Control Center 1 800 548 2423.

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