



Rabbit First Aid Kit

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Even with the most careful rabbit owners, accidents do occasionally occur. A first aid kit specifically designed for your rabbit can be very helpful when minor medical care is needed. If you have a major medical concern, you should always consult your veterinarian.

Keeping your supplies together in a waterproof container, like a small plastic tote or a fishing tackle box, makes it easier to quickly treat most small injuries. Most of these supplies are available at your local drug store or farm store.

Items to include in a rabbit first aid kit:

- **Antibiotic ointment**
- **Baby wipes**
- **Cotton balls**
- **Hairball remedy**
- **Stethoscope**
- **Toe nail clippers/scissors**
- **Tweezers**
- **Hand sanitizer** for you
- **Iodine solution or antibiotic wash** to clean wounds
- **Hemorrhoid ointment** for treatment of sore hocks
- **Scissors** to cut out hair mats or items stuck in fur
- **Styptic powder** to stop bleeding (Quick Stop)
- **Soft blanket or towel** to wrap rabbit in when injured or stressed
- **Digital thermometer** (normal rabbit temperature is 101 to 103°F)
- **Bandage material** including cotton 4 by 4's, non-stick Telfa pads, vet wrap in case you need to cover a wound
- **Bottle of water** to provide fresh drinking water for your rabbit or clean wounds
- **Syringes without the needles** to clean wounds or provide liquids to the rabbit
- **Oxbow Critical Care packet** to feed to rabbits who have stopped eating due to stress or traveling. Without fiber, they can get very sick very quickly. Critical Care is a high fiber timothy hay-based powder that, when mixed with water, can be syringe-fed to animals thereby providing the fiber and calories necessary to maintain good gastrointestinal health.
- **Name and contact information of your veterinarian.** Choose a veterinarian who is knowledgeable about rabbits and how to treat them. It is a good idea to also have contact information for a second vet and your local emergency hospital. If you are traveling, keep contact information for a vet located in the community or area in which you are traveling.



Oxbow Critical Care
Sizes: 454g, 141g, 36g

References:

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