**Suggested basic first aid kit items:**

**Bandaids**- several sizes including "butterfly" bandages
**Vet Wrap**- The "sticks to itself, but not anything else, stretchy bandaging.
**Big Gauze pads**- non-stick and sterile (individually wrapped)
**Sharp Scissors** with small blades (easier to get under bandages and into tight places)
**Antibacterial wound wash**- A liquid you can squirt on wounds to clean them.
**Benedryl**- or other antihistamine for allergic reactions, be sure it only has antihistamine in it
**Gas-x** for bloat
**Antibacterial ointment**
**Hydrocortisone** anti-itch ointment or gel
**Rubber Gloves**- disposable
**Velcro muzzle set-** allows it to be adjusted to various sizes of dogs

**Blanket**- for transporting a large dog or covering in case of shock

**Rectal Thermometer**- you should know your dog’s normal temp so you’ll know if they are in distress

**Other items that are recommended:**

OTC Pain killers (for humans)

“Space blanket” (for warmth if in shock)

Breathing barrier with one-way valve (for human CPR)

Instant cold compress (the kind that get cold when the contents are broken open)

Spare slip leash (for loose dogs)

Bandanna (MANY uses, store in a ziplock bag to keep clean)

First aid book (that you read well before you really need to handle an emergency!)

Styptic pen or powder for minor bleeding

Snake bite kit

**For advanced kits:** (even if you don’t know how to use these, perhaps someone on scene will)

Splints and strips of fabric to attach them (can be paint stir sticks for a dog, folding cane for a human)

Quick-clot packs for major bleeding

Sharp knife

Hollow pen

Disposable suture needles

Major wound dressings

Thick plastic or sterile dressing for sucking chest wound