

# DIY Doggie MEDICAL KIT

A handy kit to have on standby when your dog needs you



## DON'T FORGET!

Set digital reminders on your smartphone or laptop to alert you to appointments for vaccinations, worming, flea treatments, heartworm pills and other medications.



## WHAT YOU'LL NEED:

- ✓ Storage container with snap-lock lid
- ✓ Gauze for swabbing, padding or wound cover
- ✓ Bandages for compression and dressings
- ✓ Cotton pads and swabs (Q-tips, for instance) for topical application of medication and cleanup
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Tweezers
- ✓ Flea and tick treatments
- ✓ Heartworm prevention medication
- ✓ Antiseptic for small grazes and wounds
- ✓ Hand sanitizer

This is a basic list. Think about your dog's medical needs, both day to day and in an emergency. Ask your vet what she recommends you include, and consider your area and your dog's lifestyle for any extras—such as sunscreen or tick-removal devices. **REMEMBER:** Label the kit with your vet's contact number. This

allows you to call while tending to your dog.

## GET THE PAPERWORK ORGANIZED:

Now that you have your medical kit ready, move onto the paperwork. Ever spent hours trying to find your dog's registration details and finally found

them with your toaster warranty? When you're looking for this info, you'll want it pronto! Streamline your dog's paperwork into one folder; the file should include:

- ✓ Vet's contact details (including after-hours emergency numbers)
- ✓ Registration and microchip papers
- ✓ Vaccination schedule
- ✓ Health records
- ✓ Training certificates
- ✓ Dietary information

## GET THOSE SHOTS

So your dog hates the vet, or maybe she loves the vet. Or maybe she likes the vet but thinks the vet isn't that into her and the whole thing is complicated. Whatever! Just get your dog to the vet annually to make sure her vaccinations are up to date. Be cool, call the vet, check when your dog is due and get her booked in.



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