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APRIL SHOWERS BRING FIRST AID KITS??



National Pet First Aid Awareness Month!

Do you have a first aid kit for your pet?

Prepare for the unexpected by compiling the following items in your pet's first aid kit:

- Important phone numbers- (Veterinarian, emergency hospitals, poison control).
- List of medications your pet is on including tablet strength and dosage instruction information.
- Digital Thermometer- Normal temp for dogs and cats is 100-102.5 degrees F.
- Muzzle and Towels- to prevent bites, restrain small pets, or for padding. (DO NOT muzzle your pet if they are vomiting or struggling to breathe).
- Spare leash and collar
- Gauze roll for wrapping wounds, or to muzzle an injured animal.
- Nonstick bandages or strips of clean cloth to control bleeding or protect wounds.
- Bandaging tape.
- Scissors.
- Disposable gloves- to protect your hands.
- Small flashlight- for examining eyes, wounds, etc.
- Tweezers
- Activated Charcoal to absorb poison. Use ONLY if instructed to do so by your veterinarian or a poison control center.
- 3% hydrogen peroxide- to induce vomiting ONLY if instructed by veterinarian or poison control center. DO NOT use to flush wounds.
- Saline solution for cleansing wounds or flushing eyes (Saline solution sold for contact lenses works well for most purposes).

For your safety!!

- When your pet is in pain, they may become unpredictable or even dangerous out of fear and confusion. To protect both of you:
 - Avoid any attempt to hug an injured pet.
 - Keep your face away from your pet's mouth.
 - Apply a muzzle if your pet tries to bite.
 - Whenever possible, ask for help to move larger pets.

Pet Poison Control numbers great to have on hand!!

Expect to pay a consultation fee.

Pet Poison Helpline

855-764-7661

ASPCA Animal Poison Control

Center

888-426-4435



Meet our Staff!

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Kayla started working in the veterinary field in 2021. In May of 2025, she graduated from Saginaw Valley State University earning her bachelor's degree in biology. She truly found her passion for veterinary medicine while working both in a clinic and animal shelter setting. Her goal is to eventually obtain her DVM degree. At home Kayla has a dog named Josie and in her free time enjoys rollerblading, hiking, and playing rugby.