

MUST-HAVES FOR YOUR EQUINE FIRST-AID KIT



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IT'S THE PERFECT DAY FOR A RIDE. BUT, WHILE UNLOADING YOUR HORSE, HE QUICKLY STEPS BACK, LIFTING HIS HEAD HIGH TO CATCH ON THE BARE METAL OF YOUR HORSE TRAILER. THE GASH IS DEEP. WHAT ARE YOUR NEXT STEPS?

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[20 MATERIALS TO KEEP STOCKED IN YOUR KIT:]

Make sure you know the best plan of action to help minimize your horse's risk in times of emergency.

Injuries such as cuts and bruises are common with a horse's natural curiosity and flight-or-fight response. Other types of emergencies can include colic, choke, lameness and illness. Considering such potential threats posed to your horse, your knowledge of, and access to, a first-aid kit will be crucial to help ensure his overall safety when away from immediate veterinary service.

I recommend keeping a first-aid kit in not only your barn but also your horse trailer, should you ever need quick access to supplies when traveling with your horse. Listed below are key materials to keep stocked in your kit:

1. Thermometer
2. One roll of cotton, gauze pads, brown gauze
3. Nonstick pads
4. Adhesive wrap
5. Diaper
6. Leg wraps
7. White tape
8. Duct tape
9. Latex gloves
10. Eye saline solution
11. Scissors
12. Triple antibiotic ointment
13. Stethoscope
14. Hoof pick
15. Cold pack
16. Antimicrobial wound cleanser
17. Small flashlight with spare batteries
18. Sharp knife
19. Tweezers and hemostat
20. Dormosedan Gel® (*detomidine hydrochloride*)

If your horse becomes injured and fractious, or simply won't cooperate, administering Dormosedan Gel, a mild sedative available with a prescription from your veterinarian, can help restore calm and help prevent further injury. It's an easy-to-use option for needle-shy horses and horse owners who are uncomfortable giving an injection.

Dormosedan Gel is administered by horse owners from a single-dose syringe underneath the horse's tongue. Having tubes of the mild sedative on hand allows stressful or emergency situations – such as treating an injury, bandage changes, hoof trimming or shoeing, and minor nonpainful procedures – to be less strenuous for the horse and horse owner. Dormosedan Gel is a valued addition to equine first-aid kits.

I encourage you to work with the veterinarian on your team for additional guidance on emergency care and first aid.¹ For more information and resources, please visit DormGel.com. ■

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References

1. See also https://www.zoetis.com/products/horses/dormosedan_gel/pdf/emergency-care-for-leg-wounds-barn-card.pdf
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