First-aid Starter Kit

The items listed below are intended to assist with basic first aid only. Whenever possible, contact a veterinarian immediately if you suspect your dog is injured. Your veterinarian can guide you through appropriate initial steps—such as controlling bleeding or, when appropriate, inducing vomiting—until your dog can be seen in person.



These items help manage cuts, scrapes, and minor injuries:

- Sterile gauze pads (various sizes)
- Non-stick wound pads
- Medical tape
- Blunt-tip scissors
- Disposable gloves
- Slip lead or extra leash

- Instant cold pack
- Self-adhesive wrap (Vet Wrap)
- Clean towels or washcloths
- Tweezers (for splinters or debris)
- Antiseptic wipes (baby wipes)
- Vet Contact information
- Muzzle or soft cloth (even gentle dogs may bite when in pain)
- Antiseptic solution (chlorhexidine or povidone-iodine, diluted)
- Clean blanket or towel (for warmth or transport)
- ASPCA 24/7 Poison Control Hotline at 888-426-4435

A first-aid kit is **not a substitute for veterinary care**. If your dog is bleeding heavily, has trouble breathing, experiences seizures, ingests toxins, or appears in significant pain, seek professional veterinary care immediately.

Rottweiler note:

Their thick skin and muscle can hide puncture wounds—always inspect closely.