

Disaster Preparedness:

Items recommended for a wound care first aid kit and sources.

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- 1) Wound preparation and cleansing
 - a. Non-sterile (clean) 4"x4" gauze sponges – Drug store.
 - i. Moisten with water and place in the wound to protect it prior to clipping the hair. Can be used to clean debris from the wound.
 - ii. Place 20 in a plastic sandwich bag to keep them clean.
 - b. Scissors – Mayo to clip hair from wound edges – Feed or Drug or Hardware stores
 - c. Vetricyn VF™ **Plus Solution** – wound irrigation (cleansing) and antimicrobial effect – your veterinarian
- 2) Topical antibiotics and antimicrobials
 - a. Triple antibiotic (Neosporin™) - drug or feed store
 - b. Silver Sulfadiazine (Silvadene™). Veterinarian. Use for superficial + deep burns
 - c. Betadine™ antiseptic ointment – Drug or Feed store
 - d. Vetricyn VF **Plus Hydrogel** for contaminated wounds that cannot be bandaged. Spray on – your Veterinarian
- 3) Wound dressings
 - a. Telfa AMD™ - clean wounds. Drug Store, Veterinary supply or Veterinarian.
 - b. Kerlix AMD™ gauze sponges - contaminated wounds. Drug Store, Veterinary supply or Veterinarian.
 - c. AluSpray™ Aerosol Bandage. Spray on clean wounds that cannot be bandaged. Veterinary supply store or Veterinarian.
- 4) Bandaging material
 - a. Bandage scissors – Feed or Drug store or internet.
 - b. Cotton bandage wraps – CombiRoll™ or RediRoll™ – Feed store or internet
 - c. Conforming gauze rolls – Feed store or internet
 - d. Self adherent bandage (e.g. Vetrap™ or SECURWrap™ or Elastiant™); – Feed store or internet. To secure and cover the cotton bandage
 - e. Elasticon™ – Feed store or internet. To attach bandage, top and bottom, of bandage to the hair

