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Items for First Aid Kit for Horses

Bandage Scissors

Stethoscope; a very cheap one will do

Small, bright penlight with fresh batteries

Headlamp

Thermometer, ring top, with string and alligator clip, and case

Hoof pick or knife, and sharp pocket or sheath knife

Wire cutters and pliers, or multi-tool (e.g., Leatherman)

E-Z Boot or Pro-Fit boot; appropriate size for horse

Twitch, preferably Watson model

½ inch hose, fire polished edges, 8 inch length, 2 each

K-Y jelly, or similar lubricant

Elastikon tape, 3 or 4 inch, 2 rolls

Leg quilts, 4

Ace bandages, 3 inch, 2 rolls

Sterile non-stick pads, e.g., Telfa or Release, 4 inch by 8 inch, 10 each

Gauze pads, 3 or 4 inch square, 50 each, for scrubbing wounds

Soft roller gauze, e.g., Kling or Kerlix, 3 or 4 inches, 4 rolls

Hard roller gauze, ("brown gauze"), 6 inch, 4 rolls

Vetwrap, 3 or 4 inch, 2 rolls

Velcro straps, 1 inch wide by about 10 inch long, 2 each

Duct tape; large roll

Splint material, e.g., 4" PVC pipe, split lengthwise, hardwood 1 x 3 boards, etc

Syringes, 60, 35, and 20 cc, luer tip, 1 each

Syringe, 60 cc, catheter tip, 1 each

Saline solution, sterile, 1 liter, for irrigating wounds and eyes

(Home made version for wounds only, NOT EYES: 1 gal. dist. H₂O; 2 ½ T salt 1 oz Betadine solution).

Eye irrigation solution (4 oz bottle)

Antiseptic scrub, e.g., Betadine, 4 oz.

Water soluble antiseptic ointment, e.g., Nitrofurazone or Neosporin

Silver Sulfadiazine

DMSO

Clean towels

Nylon halter, new (good condition), conventional buckle type, correctly sized for horse (NOT a rope halter).

Soft-sided container for above items, suitable for packing on a horse

Optional (need to discuss with your own veterinarian):

Banamine paste, Phenylbutazone paste, or both

Antibiotic eye ointment (**not** including a steroid)

Injectable steroid (very unlikely to need)

Esmarch tourniquet

Optional (very expensive): Kimsey splint