

We had an article recently on items to have for your dogs in an emergency. We are sharing an article from one of our Board members, Lorraine Lennon on what she feels each of us should keep on hand in case of an emergency.

EMERGENCY TACKLE BOX

By Lorraine Lennon, Veterinary Technician

Anyone traveling anywhere with their dog should have an emergency first aid kit in their vehicle. Your “Emergency Tack Box” can be created with materials from an inexpensive market. The important thing is that you do not need to be medically inclined to be able to help your Westie in an emergency.

Let’s start: all of these items can be bought inexpensively. A small tool box should contain hydrogen peroxide, rubbing alcohol, Benadryl™ (diphenhydramine 25 mg. caplet), Imodium™ (loperamide), 1 inch medical tape, 2 inch elastic tape, 1 inch X 1 inch gauze squares, 2 inch rolled cotton, popsicle sticks (2), a triple antibiotic ointment, a thermometer, and finally a muzzle or a pair of panty hose. Bandage scissors and a small hemostat should also be added to the box.

I tape an index card to the lid of the box with a dog’s normal temperature and the dose of Benadryl and Imodium as suggested by my veterinarian. If your dog eats something he shouldn’t, call your veterinarian to see if vomiting is indicated; if so, then hydrogen peroxide can be given orally to induce vomiting. Benadryl™ can be given for stings, snake bites, or any allergic reactions. The Imodium can be used to control diarrhea.

These are short term treatments to help stabilize your Westie until you can seek veterinarian care.



WESTIE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, INC

Leading the Way to Westie Health

Save
The Date

for the

WFA FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Starts Saturday, August 19, 2023 at 8 am EST and

Closes Sunday August 20, 2023 at 6:59:59 PM EST