



K-9 FIRST AID KIT INVENTORY

Equipment

Bandage Scissors – Lister
Hemostats – small curved, straight
Thermometer – digital, flexible tip

Supplies

Alcohol Wipes – clean intact skin, clean thermometer
Cling Elastic Wrap – Pet Flex: outer bandage layer
Clippers – mini, include batteries
Endotracheal tube – sized for your dog (7,8,9)
Cotton cast pad roll – 3”: bandage intermediate layer

Gauze Sponges – 4x4, sterile, wound contact layer
Gauze Rolls – 3”, 4”: intermediate layer
Gloves – non-sterile, Nitrile hypoallergenic
Q-Tips – clean ears; apply styptic powder
Sam Splint – cuttable, malleable: extra limb support
Tape – 1” cloth, easy tear
Tongue Depressors

Treatments

Antibiotic Ointment – Triple Ab
Eye Irrigation Solution – gentle stream, eyes & wounds
Hemostasis Agent – Celox, QuikClot
Hydration Powders – Hydrolyte, K-9 Quencher
Antimicrobial Wipes – betadine/chlorhex; cleanse wounds
Lubricant – K-Y: lubricate thermometer, protect wound
Skin Glue – use gloves to apply
Skin Staples – 35 Wide: may hurt
Styptic Powder – Kwik Stop, less sting: use moist Q-tip

OTC Medications

Antacid – Prilosec 0.5-1 mg/kg 1X/day, Zantac 2X/day
Diphenhydramine – Benadryl 2-4 mg/kg or 1-2 mg/#
50-100 mg tablet per 50 # dog
Immodium
Naloxone – in nose or muscle, 2 ml repeat to effect
Personal Medications – 3 week supply
Skin drying agent
Shampoo – oatmeal, baby, dishwash – decontamination



PHYSICAL EXAMINATION NORMALS

Temperature	Rectal, Aural (may be less accurate)	100-102.5°F/38-39°C
Mentation	Observe, handler opinion	‘BAR’ = bright, alert, responsive
Hydration	Feel gingival or lip mucous membranes Tent skin over neck or back, check eyes	Moist mucous membranes (MM) Skin ‘snaps’ back, eyes not sunken
Mucous Membranes	Check color & capillary refill time (CRT) Look at gums, inner lip, eye conjunctiva	Pink & 1-2 seconds refill of color Also prepuce, vulva
Eyes	Chamber clarity, conjunctiva Pupillary light response (PLR) Nictitans normal position	Clear, no discharge Pupils E/R (equal/responsive)
Ears	Visual exam, odor Otoscope exam (challenging)	No discharge or malodor Tympanic membrane intact
Nose	Visual check Place string before each nostril	Symmetrical, no discharge Airflow from each nostril
Throat/Oral	Lift lips, check teeth/gums Open mouth, check tongue	Teeth/gums intact, no blood No pain, ✓ tonsils, gag reflex
(Peripheral Lymph Nodes)	Palpate jaw/neck, shoulder, back of knee	Small or non-palpable
Heart, Pulse	Auscultate heart left 5 th rib Femoral pulse inner thigh	70-140 bpm, no murmur Strong, synchronous to heartbeat
Lungs, Respiration	Auscultate thorax over ribs Observe breathing	Clear lung sounds 15-30 brpm, no effort
Abdomen	Palpate (can feel spleen, GI, bladder)	Non-painful, concave shape
Urogenital	♀: vulva, mammary glands ♂: prepuce, penis, scrotum	No swelling, discharge, pain wound, blood
Integument	Part the hair to observe skin Run hands over body/limbs ✓ Paw pads, spread between toes	Good coat, no pain, wounds Swelling, excessive heat/cold?
Rectal/Perineum	Observe area	No swelling, wounding, pain
Musculoskeletal	Observe gait, posture Palpate abnormalities	No lameness, swelling, pain or stiffness
Neurological	Mental state, cranial nerves Spinal pain, Limb reflexes	BAR, visual, no spinal pain Normal reflexes

NOTE: Prescription medications, by law, can only be prescribed by a veterinarian with a client-patient relationship. These may be obtained from your primary care veterinarian. Additional medications may be prescribed during deployment based on need to treat illness or injury of the search canine.