First Aid Kit Essentials



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Thermometer	Normal temp: 37.5 - 38.5 degrees
Simple stethoscope	Normal heart rate 32 - 42 beats per min
Scissors	Blunt end scissors are useful too
Knife and torch	Always useful
Saline solution	Single use saline solution, or salt to make some up
Gauze dressing	To place on wound before bandaging - there are a number on the market
Gamgee (cotton wool in a guazue cover)	Easy to cut to size and wrap around leg when bandaging
Vaseline / petrolum jelly	Multi-purpose grease. Useful to prevent serum sticking to the coat below a wound
Cohesive bandages (vet- wrap)	Have several in readiness for changing dressings
Elasticated adhesive bandages	Will retain a bandage in place for a longer period
Antiseptic wound dressings - powder, cream etc	It is often useful to have a small selection of different wound treatments such as Betadine ointment, pink-eye powder, flamazine, zinc cream etc
Antiseptic wound spray	Promotes healing and repels flies
Animalintex or similar	Impregnated poultice dressing
Betadine scrub	For washing and disinfecting wounds