Dog First Aid: A Field Guide To Emergency Care For The Outdoor Dog
Synopsis

Nothing can ruin a day afield (and sometimes an entire trip) faster than a dog injury. This is the first field guide covering the injuries a dog can encounter in the field, presenting the symptoms and treatment. Sized to fit in a pocket (4 x 6) and spiral bound for easy use. Each section is tabbed for quick access to a particular ailment and covers such things as snake bites, gunshot wounds, poisoning, choking, cuts, bleeding, lacerations, pests, eye problems, vomiting, ear problems, shock, heat prostration, broken bones, conditioning, and first aid supplies.

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Customer Reviews

I've reviewed many first aid books in my search. This is the clearest, most practical canine first aid book I've found. Most books read "take dog to nearest vet", this isn't always possible and this book covers what to do in those situations using clear text and precise pictures. Essential for anyone who takes their dog anywhere (even those dogs who just go to the park and back), but essential for dogs who go hiking, camping, travelling, kayaking, etc with their humans; anywhere you wouldn't be able to reach a vet within 20 minutes. Keep one in your car's glove box, the dog's backpack (along with a portable first aid kit), and one at home.

Being a nurse, I take the proverbial "be prepared" to extremes, but when you are camping hundreds of miles away from the nearest emergency health care facility, you must be educated to handle most emergencies of your family members. Well, DON'T FORGET THE DOG We just adopted a wonderful black labrador, and being a busy outdoor kind of family I needed a concise, handy, well
rounded emergency care manual for my little boy, Abbott. I researched and decided on this pocket field guide that is perfect for carrying on your outdoor excursions. I am pleased with the content and find the directions easy to follow, even for a lay person uneducated in medicine. Hopefully, my dog will never need emergent care, but I feel better knowing and gathering the knowledge needed to be there for him if the need becomes reality. Buy this book and put together a first aid kit for your dog. His life could depend on it.

This is a good book to provide basic emergency care for your outdoor dog. They provide some great instructions on bandages/packaging a dog with lacerations. However, they could provide more detail on proper CPR procedure (example, locating pulses, up to date breath/compression ratio). PLEASE do some online research for up to date protocol and procedures on this subject. Your dog will end up dying if you don’t due to lack of blood going to the brain. Watch a YouTube video on this subject if needs be. For hunters, please read online about gun shots to the lungs on a dog. They offer suggestions for a first aid kit, they also offer a first aid kit for purchase at end of the book. I went to there website they suggested, they don’t have anything for sale. They need to update their website. You most likely need to add a few extra items to your personal kit to keep it up to date.

I live in Africa and have limited access to veterinary care; after my dog broke his leg, I realized I needed to be better prepared in the event of an emergency so I bought this book. I think it is a useful book for the average person who is an hour or two from veterinary care, but the few competent vets here are under-equipped. I was looking for something a bit more comprehensive, like Wilderness First Responder by Buck Tilton (which is incredibly useful for me as a human) but for dogs. The good thing for the average outdoors person is that it is compact and lightweight, though as another reviewer noted, it is not spiral bound as advertised.

I wanted a quick reference book because I was taking my two dogs (Boston Terriers) on a vacation to the wilds of Alaska, and I knew that we would not have quick access to veterinary care. I wanted to be prepared just in case some tragedy occurred; at the very least, I wanted to be able to stabilize them until we could get them to a vet. This book fit the bill better than any other. It has helpful diagrams of how to handle certain situations (e.g., dog is attacked by a porcupine - it tells you how to deal with quills embedded in your dog, or dog gets severe laceration - use glue or staple gun to close the wound and then apply pressure until you can get to a vet) and provides a list of recommended supplies to pack when traveling in the wilderness with your dog. Thankfully, I didn’t
need to use this at all, but it will be a ‘must pack’ for any future wilderness trips.

This is a nice smaller book for veterinary problems that happen anywhere. This is often given as a gift along with the Dog Owners home veterinary guide. Together, they are great reference books for dealing with injuries large and small. Small enough to keep in your dog’s first aid kit. (You DO have an animal first aid kit, right?)

I wanted a guide for what to do if going to the vet is not an option like on a backpacking trip. This is perfect. Also has a handy medication dosage chart listing types of meds you can give the dog and the dose. My vet tells me many people give their dogs human meds and make things worse so this chart is really great. Also explains what to do for cpr broken bones snakebites and other problems. Of course for many ailments you should go to the vet but if you are in the middle of nowhere and days to the nearest vet then you need to know how to deal with the problem on your own. This book assumes you are unable to get to the vet so tells you what to do. Excellent resource. My only complaint is I wish I could get this book also in a chart form or smaller print as it is 95 pages and I am always looking to lighten my pack! But I am just whining. The important info is well worth the few ounces it weighs.

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