

Equine First Aid Kit

Prescription Request Form

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Dear Veterinarian,

Your client is assembling an equine first aid kit based on recommendations from Horse Side Vet Guide (horsesidevetguide.com), created by Douglas O. Thal DVM Dipl. ABVP. A well-stocked first aid kit should include prescription medications for common emergencies that may occur before veterinary help arrives.

We respect the veterinary-client-patient relationship. Your client is requesting your professional judgment on appropriate medications and dosing for their specific horse(s). Please review the three clinical categories below and prescribe what you feel is appropriate.

CLIENT & HORSE INFORMATION

Client Name: _____ **Horse Name(s):** _____
Phone: _____ **Email:** _____
Address: _____

1. NSAID FOR ABDOMINAL PAIN AND OCULAR INFLAMMATION

Purpose: For emergency use when a horse shows signs of colic (abdominal pain) or acute eye inflammation, before veterinary examination is possible. Most commonly: flunixin meglumine (Banamine).
Rationale: Colic can progress rapidly. Having an appropriate NSAID available allows the owner to provide initial pain relief while contacting their veterinarian. This medication also manages ocular pain.
Owner advised: Owner has been advised: always call vet before administering; do not re-dose without guidance; this drug can mask signs of surgical colic. Withhold feed until vet advises.

Drug prescribed: _____ **Form:** _____
Dose: _____ **Frequency:** _____ **Max duration:** _____
Special instructions: _____

2. NSAID FOR MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN AND ACUTE INJURY

Purpose: For acute lameness, soft tissue injury, or musculoskeletal pain. A different NSAID from Category 1 is recommended so the owner has the appropriate drug for the clinical scenario. Most commonly: phenylbutazone.
Rationale: Musculoskeletal injuries are among the most common equine emergencies. Prompt anti-inflammatory treatment reduces pain and secondary tissue damage while awaiting veterinary evaluation.
Owner advised: Owner has been advised: never combine two NSAIDs; monitor for GI and renal side effects; follow prescribed dose and duration carefully.

Drug prescribed: _____ **Form:** _____
Dose: _____ **Frequency:** _____ **Max duration:** _____
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3. BROAD-SPECTRUM ORAL ANTIBIOTIC FOR INTERIM USE

- Purpose:** For use under veterinary guidance when a horse sustains a wound or develops an infection and veterinary examination will be delayed. Please prescribe whatever antibiotic you prefer for this patient.
- Rationale:** Timely antibiotic administration for contaminated wounds and suspected infections can significantly improve outcomes. This is a bridge medication until you can examine the horse.
- Owner advised:** Owner has been advised: always call vet before administering any antibiotic; all antibiotics carry risk of colitis (diarrhea); discontinue and contact vet immediately if diarrhea develops.

Drug prescribed: _____ **Form:** _____

Dose: _____ **Frequency:** _____ **Max duration:** _____

Special instructions: _____

PRESCRIBING VETERINARIAN

Veterinarian: _____ **Practice:** _____

Phone: _____ **License no.:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____