



Emergency Preparation

Things to take in the trailer or have at home:

- 1) Bandage material
 - 1a) Elastikon
 - 1b) Vetwrap
 - 1c) Cotton leg wraps or sheet cotton
 - 1d) 4x4 gauze pads or "gauze sponges"
 - 1e) non-stick pads
 - 1f) white bandage tape
- 2) Betadine solution for washing or flushing wounds.
- 3) Silver Sulfadiazine ointment-- safe for nearly all wounds, even before suturing. Antimicrobial, antifungal, and even safe in an eye in a pinch.
- 4) BNP eye ointment (that does NOT contain steroid)
- 5) Thermometer. Horse normal temp 99.5-101.0, Cattle, goats, and camelids 100-102, sheep as high as 103.5.
- 6) Stethoscope. If you can take a horse's heart rate, you can give your veterinarian a lot of information.
- 7) Trimethoprim Sulfa antibiotic pills for use as directed by your veterinarian if you are travelling.
- 8) Banamine dose(s)
- 9) Bute doses
- 10) Catheter tip syringe for giving oral medications
- 11) A riding style boot (EZ Boot, Old Mac boot, etc.) in sizes that fit your riding horses.
- 12) Duct tape
- 13) Hoof rasp
- 14) Twitch: if you really need to get something done, this tool can help without hurting your horse when used appropriately.
- 15) Knife and scissors
- 16) PVC pipe, 4-6" diameter depending on breed, cut in half to use as a splint if necessary.
- 17) Flashlight
- 18) Extra rope: I like to braid clips onto both sides of my emergency rope. It can then be used to tie, picket, or serve as makeshift reins.
- 19) Trail marking ribbon helps rescue parties

find you if necessary.

- 20) Fencing pliers: you should definitely have these at home!
- 21) Chemical cold pack(s)
- 22) Wool or synthetic cooler
- 23) Plastic bags. Like duct tape, these things have a million uses!
- 24) Binder clips can be used for lots of things, including clamping a bleeding vessel in a pinch.

Pack it all in a bucket or two for portability and because it can be handy to have an extra bucket!

Things to take on a ride:

- 1) Fencing pliers
 - 2) Duct tape
 - 3) Binder clip
 - 4) Vetwrap
 - 5) Trail marking ribbon
 - 6) Rope
- 1) Fencing pliers! The sharp edge will work as a hoof pick, and you can use the plier portion as a crease nail puller to get shoes off in a pinch! And, of course, they cut wire.
 - 2) Duct tape mini-roll. Make a super fast duct-tape shoe to get your horse home. Or fix nearly anything for a time.
 - 2) Binder clip, size large. If your horse cuts and artery or vein, you might be able to clamp it with a binder clip.
 - 3) A roll of vetwrap. Also used for bleeding wounds as this wrapping material can be applied tightly.
 - 4) Bright trail marking ribbon to mark where you are if one party member needs to go for help. Marking the trees on the way back for help can help a rescue party find you.
 - 5) Rope. Picket your horse, pony another horse, the list goes on and on. It is easy to tie a length of rope, coiled, only any saddle (even English.)