



## Birdline UK Ltd Parrot Rescue

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### BASIC FIRST AID KIT FOR YOUR BIRD

Always have a basic first aid kit to hand. It should contain a few simple things that will be useful should your bird become sick or injured. These are the essential items that should be available in case of an emergency:

- 1 A substance to stop bleeding (cornflour will do) or proprietary brands available in all good pet shops.
- 2 A bird-safe disinfectant (Avisafe, or F10SC\*\*)
- 3 Cotton pads (not cotton wool) for cleaning wounds etc.
- 4 Tweezers and sharp scissors with rounded ends.
- 5 Savlon Cream (the ONLY safe human medication) or Aloe Vera Gel, to put on sore spots/wounds.
- 6 A soft, dark, plain towel for restraining an injured bird. If cockatoo, a white towel.
- 7 Probiotics/white cell support/electrolites, ie Avi-Stress.
- 8 Heat source (heat lamp to help with shock)
- 9 Pen light
- 10 Bandage material and micropore tape
- 11 Nail Clippers
- 12 Eye dropper/syringe (no needle) which **must** be clean
- 13 Telephone numbers: vet/taxi/Birdline Helpline
- 14 Nebuliser (use a dilution of F10SC)\*\*
- 15 Glucose

**DO NOT BATHE THE BIRD, a sick/distressed bird needs warmth, darkness and quiet.**

\*\* If using a nebuliser, dilute the F10SC (clear coloured, NOT GREEN) 1ml F10SC - 250ml sterile (or boiled, cooled) water. Put bird in carrier, or cover the cage, point the nebuliser's hose through the bars or just outside, allow machine to operate for as long as necessary, ie until breathing stabilises. The clear-coloured is also excellent for disinfecting cages etc.

### WHEN TRAVELLING A SICK/INJURED BIRD

Place bird in the carrier, cover with dark towel (unless cockatoo, when cover should be plain white.)

**NOTE:** This is a measure to stabilise the bird. A vet **must** be contacted in an emergency.