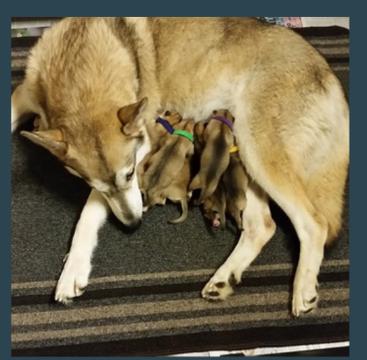




# WHELPING SUPPLIES



Whelping supply item checklist for a basic canine whelping kit. You will want to have all of your supplies ready at least a week in advance of your dogs due date. Always consult your veterinarian in cases of emergency, questions about medications and anything you are unsure of!

- Adhesive Tape
- Absorbent Gauze (roll & pads)
- Disposable gloves
- Q-Tips
- Scissors, sharp (blunt tip)
- Syringes, Eye Dropper
- Paper towels
- Hand sanitizer & Wet Wipes (quick hand clean-up/disinfectant)
- Rubbing alcohol or Alcohol Prep Pads (disinfect thermometer, hemostat, kitchen scale after use)
- Glucose Paste/Syrup/Honey Packets (puppy perk up for fading or weak puppy)
- Whelping supply cart (on wheels, to hold all of your supplies)
- Whelping chart to keep track of puppy details (see ITR Whelping Chart below)
- Bulb Syringe: Used to remove mucus from puppy's airways
- Thermometer (Digital, rectal): Start taking your bitches temperature several times daily for the last week to two weeks prior to due date. Research or speak to your vet about temp drop. This is a good indicator of the start of labor.
- Collar & Leash, Flash light, head lamp: For late night trips outside to potty during whelping, don't forget to bring a towel! If you are having 6 or more puppies your bitch will likely need a potty break. Always keep her on a leash and monitor the ground/her back end during these outings. It never fails that one is born after she gets up and starts walking around (walking can help move labor along)
- Head Lamp: Handy to have a light where ever you may need it
- Hot water bottle & Small tote/wash basin: Line with puppy towel/receiving blanket for holding/moving puppies during whelp. Helps keep them out of the way so they are all accounted for while there is another puppy being born. Depending on ambient room temp you may not need a hot water bottle in it.
- Soft hand towels/receiving blankets: Doesn't hurt to have 36 for 12 puppies, always have extras. For drying puppies. Always start with nose/mouth if possible.
- Larger towels/blankets for the whelping liquids.
- Laundry basket for soiled towels/blankets
- Unwaxed dental floss (for tying off bleeder umbilical cord)
- Hemostat (locking or not, used to pinch bleeding cord for a moment or two to stop bleeding)
- Kitchen scale with tare feature to weigh puppies
- Small bowl or small tote that will fit on top of scale to place puppy in such as clear plastic salad bowl
- Indoor/outdoor thermometer to monitor whelping box temp and ambient room temp near box
- Glucose Paste/Syrup/Honey Packets (puppy perk up for fading or weak puppy)
- Vaseline (for taking rectal temp or in case of stuck puppy)
- Iodine (to dab on umbilical cords after they are cut/chewed)
- Safe Puppy collars or a way to identify puppies 12- 15 different colors (can be purchased online)
- Calsorb or other vet recommended calcium supplement for momma during whelping
- Water bowl/bucket for momma during and after whelp
- Stethoscope (not necessary but nice to have)
- Oxytocin - Speak to your vet about having some prefilled syringes on hand - use on vet advice only! Keep out of reach of children and pets!!