

## → Whelping Kit

- whelping box
- hemostats or clamps
- dull scissors
- surgical gloves
- alcohol for disinfecting
- fast read digital thermometer
- petroleum jelly
- record book and/or charts (see links below)
- a clock to time births and labor time
- unwaxed dental floss
- a digital postal scale for the first couple of weeks and a baby scale after that
- nasal aspirator
- penlight for looking into mouths
- feeding tube or baby bottles
- iodine or Betadine for cords
- garbage bags
- lots of newspapers
- soft blankets or water proof mattress pads
- lots of clean hand towels and soft washcloths
- paper towels
- vet wrap bandage around your dam's tail and to push in an outie naval and keep the dam from worrying it
- basket to move whelps as a new one is about to be born
- non slip ribbons or rick rack etc to identify each pup
- your cell phone with your vet's phone# on speed dial
- a good friend or two to help out
- a good room thermometer (preferably with a remote to read the temp in the whelping box rather than where you are standing.
- an electric heater to keep the room very warm for the first ten days (80 for the first few days) something comfortable to sit or kneel on next to the whelping box
- beef broth or chicken soup to keep the dam's strength up
- syringes of various sizes in case you need to medicate the pups or get water into the dam
- a good book, a large pot of coffee and some good munchies while you wait

