

1. Bulb syringe - to suction mouths of newborns - available at most stores with a pharmacy department.
2. DeLee Mucus Trap - to suction newborns' airways - available on-line from suppliers of midwives or from WhelpWise™.
3. Exam gloves, latex or vinyl - to protect breeders from vaginal discharges and placental fluids and the bitch from ascending infections- available OTC in many places.
4. K-Y Jelly[®] - to lubricate gloves if vaginal examination is indicated - available OTC in many places.
5. Hemostats - to clamp off umbilical cords - available from your suppliers or on-line.
6. Suture or dental floss - to tie off umbilical cords - available from your suppliers (suture) or OTC in many places.
7. Tincture of Iodine - to treat the umbilicus at birth, 2 and 8 hours post partum - available from your suppliers.
8. Chlorhexidine disinfectant solution - to disinfect surfaces in the whelping and nursery areas - available through your veterinary suppliers or local farm stores.
9. Heating pads, rice bags, or Snuggle Safe[®] - to keep pups warm during transport - heating pads often either overheat or have safety shut-offs so are difficult to keep the correct temperature range. Rice bags made of stockinette or socks filled with cooking rice can be microwaved to warm pups. Snuggle Safe[®] - a microwaveable disc made to warm puppies, available on-line.
10. Puppy formula - if supplemental feeding is indicated - there are many good ones on the market - available through your veterinary suppliers or on-line.
11. Feeding tube - for tube feeding puppies - there are red rubber feeding tubes and silicone tubes - available through your veterinary suppliers.
12. 25 gauge hypodermic needles - used to perform acupuncture for pups that do not breathe spontaneously at birth - available through your veterinary suppliers.
13. Dopram[®] injections pre-drawn into syringes 1 per anticipated puppy (controversial but better than losing a pup) - to administer to pups that cannot be resuscitated by clearing airways and with mechanical stimulation - available through your veterinary suppliers.
14. Pyrantel Pamoate - to deworm the bitch and pups at 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks post-partum as recommended by CAPC - available through your veterinary suppliers.

15. Stethoscope - to assess newborns for a heartbeat - available through your veterinary suppliers or on-line.
- 16, Fetal Doppler - to monitor fetal heart rates during late pregnancy and whelping - available on-line at Whelpwise™ or some clients have their own.
17. Hair blow-dryer to aid in drying wet puppies.
18. Ice cream - vanilla for the dog, any other flavor for your friends
19. Friends with common sense, a great movie collection, who like to eat, and have the ability to drive anywhere under any conditions.

The remaining items, kitchen scale, towels, and thermometers are easy for clients to purchase on their own. They should be reminded to have these supplies readily available and organized. You will be ready to start care at home if you are able to monitor temperatures, weights and urine color, while arranging veterinary assistance.