

Whelping Supply Checklist for Giant Breed Dogs

4–5 Weeks After Pregnancy Confirmation — Laying the Foundation

- Whelping box (homemade or purchased, with pig rails)
- Washable pads and absorbent bedding
- Heat source (heating pad with thermostat or heat lamp)

6–7 Weeks — Gathering Monitoring Tools

- Digital thermometer (track temperature twice daily)
- Emergency kit: scissors, hemostats, sterile gloves
- Feeding kit: syringe, dropper, or spoon for weak pups

8 Weeks — Final Preparations

- Puppy milk replacer and bottles
- Digital puppy scale for daily weigh-ins
- Color-coded puppy ID collars (adjustable)

9 Weeks — The Big Week

- Assemble whelping pen with all supplies nearby
- Vet's phone number posted near whelping area
- First aid kit stocked (gloves, lubricant, disinfectant)