



Peterson Smith Advanced Fertility Center

Foaling Kit Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Exam gloves | Washing mare prior to vaginal exam, handling placenta, handling foal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Obstetrical sleeves (sterile) | Used if needed to assess position and aid in delivery of the foal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Obstetrical lubricant (sterile) | Used if needed to assess position and aid in delivery of the foal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Liquid soap (Ivory) | To clean udder and perineum of the mare prior to foal nursing, and before vaginal examination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Thermometer | Evaluation of body temperature of mare and foal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Stethoscope | Evaluation of heart rate and respiratory sounds of mare and foal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Flashlight (with extra batteries) | Since foaling usually occurs at night, this will help visualize what is going on especially if foaling out in the field |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scissors | Cutting placenta in the case of a "red bag" delivery, umbilical tape, tail wrap material |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Tail wrap (Vetwrap, brown gauze) | Keeps tail hair out of the way during foaling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Clean towels | To dry off foal and stimulate respiration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Umbilical clamps/ tape | To clamp or tie off umbilical stump after foaling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Umbilical disinfectant (Chlorhexadine 1%) | To disinfect umbilical stump immediately after foaling and for the first few days of life to decrease the likelihood of bacterial infection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Brix refractometer | Assessment of the quality of colostrum after foaling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Enema (Phosphate type) | Given to the foal in the first 1-2 hours after birth aid in the passage of meconium, preventing possible impaction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Milk calcium test kit (Foal Watch®, Predict-A-Foal®) | Aids in the prediction of foaling by assessing calcium levels in mammary secretions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | pH strips | Aids in the prediction of foaling by assessing pH of mammary secretions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Plastic bottle with lid | Used to store colostrum, clearly labeled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Cheesecloth or cotton gauze 4 x 4 | Can be used to strain debris from colostrum prior to putting in plastic bottle for long term storage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Measuring cup | To collect and measure amount of colostrum being frozen |