



# GSD Neonatal Care Supplies

Healthy puppies need safety, warmth, and dam's milk.

**Basic Neonate Care Supplies.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Puppy ID:** Puppies require positive ID to track health. Choose a collar like yarn that breaks easily, check collars daily for fit, being neither too loose or too snug.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Heating Pad:** Puppies require a source of warmth other than the dam. Choose a waterproof pad with temp control, and be sure it will stay on!

\_\_\_\_\_ **Scale:** Puppies who loose weight are at high risk for death, puppies may be weighed daily or twice daily using a food scale.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nail Clippers:** Human nail clippers are sufficient to trim puppy nails.

Puppies who are not thriving may benefit from feeding.

**Neonate Supplies: Supplemental Feeding**

Some puppies may need supplemental feeding to increase their chances of survival. If at all possible do NOT feed puppies in the first 24 hours, to allow them time to ingest colostrum.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Feeding:** Small Baby bottle and a silicone (if available) premie sized nipple works well for a GS sized puppy. Be sure to burp puppy after feeding.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Supplemental Formula:** Esbilac (Goat milk) is my preferred formula however, in an emergency (sort term) canned or pasteurized goat milk will work.

IME home prepared recipes are more likely to cause nutritional deficiencies, and gastrointestinal upsets and problems, we no long use them.

Always discuss unwell puppies with your vet!

**Neonate Supplies: Special needs items.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Unflavored Pedialyte:** Can be used to prepare puppy formula, or **alone** to orally rehydrate a puppy that is struggling with weight or dehydration.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pet Nutri Drops, Nutri Stat, or Karo Syrup:** Can provide a quick source of blood sugar, energy, calories, and nutrition in certain situations.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Infant Gas Drops:** Can be used to relieve a puppy suffering from stomach gas.