

Foaling Kit

Keep your kit near your mare's foaling area so it is ready and easily accessible.

- Tail Wrap: Rectal Sleeve and tape/vetwrap or gauze
- Liquid Soap (Ivory is recommended)
- Bucket with warm water
- Scissors
- Latex Gloves
- Bath Towels (2-3)
- Naval dip (Dilute chlorhexidine solution)
- Brown gauze or baling twine
- Thermometer
- Large trash bags
- Halter and lead rope for your mare (if you need to help foal nurse after birth)
- Phone numbers for your veterinarian:
 Covered Bridge Office Hours (M-F 8-5PM) 706-769-4749;
 After 5PM and Weekends 770-985-7733

Before your mare foals it is best to make sure the foaling area is clean, dry and quiet. Remove manure or urine spots from her stall and put down a layer of clean, dry wheat straw if time allows. Foals sleep so much that straw is often the best and softest bedding for them.

Most mares do not need any help or intervention during foaling, but it will help you feel calmer to be prepared! Once your mare is ready to foal, give her some space and enjoy participating in the miracle of life!