

FREE PRINTABLE · BIRTH PREP CHECKLIST

Calving Kit Checklist

Have your calving kit ready and the calving area clean before the window opens (about day 273).

Gather these supplies

- [ ] Clean, well-bedded calving pen or area
- [ ] OB sleeves and lubricant
- [ ] Calving chains or straps and handles (only if trained)
- [ ] Iodine for dipping navels
- [ ] Clean towels or straw for drying the calf
- [ ] Frozen colostrum or colostrum replacer
- [ ] Bottle and esophageal feeder (only if trained)
- [ ] Headlamp or flashlight
- [ ] Ear tags and applicator
- [ ] Scale or weight tape
- [ ] Pen, calving record and calf growth record
- [ ] Your vet's number and directions to the farm

Notes

Get ready timeline

Day 26–40	Pregnancy check: blood, ultrasound or palpation
~60 days before	Dairy cows: dry off
Day 273	Planning window opens; move to calving area
Last weeks	Udder fills and teats swell (“springing”)
Close	Pin drop, restless, leaves the herd

Call your vet straight away if...

- No progress within 30 minutes once labour starts
- The calf is not coming as two front hooves (soles down) followed by the nose
- She seems weak, exhausted or unwell
- The calf cannot stand or suck within a few hours
- She passes day 293 with no calf

MY VET _____ PHONE _____

AFTER-HOURS / EMERGENCY _____ DUE DATE _____