

## Best Products for Kennels:

What follows is a list of what I have found to be top products for my kennel design. Please understand if you use these products or deal with the related companies it is at your risk. I only offer these as what worked well for me.

1. Best Dog Doors:
  - a. Gun Dog House Door: All aluminum and plexi-glass. I find them the finest product I have used and a super solution to a dog door which will last for years. Their website is <http://www.petdoors.com/the-gun-dog-house-door.html>
2. Best whelping box:
  - a. There are many products out there for whelping boxes. You can use a custom wooden one that you can throw away after each use. But then you still have the problem of what to put underneath. I think the plastic ones are a great solution, easy to clean and they have a plastic tray bottom which keeps waste inside. I like the 24inch high as I can use the box even after mom is out until the 8 week mark and they go to new homes. You can disinfect them quite easily with a little bleach in water. They are super durable on the bottom and if your dog chews a lot then you could lose that expensive box quickly. You can channel out hard plastic conduit and press it down on the edges to give extra protection. I think 4x4x24inches is minimum. Here is one product I have used with some success: Steele City Whelping boxes from England:  
<http://www.steelcitywhelpingandkitteningboxes.co.uk/?gclid=CMSSJus1LECFcne4Aodr18Axw>
3. Puppy heating pads:
  - a. The best by far is stanfield hard plastic farrowing heating pads which you can get at  
<http://www.osbornelivestockequipment.com/shop/category/27> . I like the 4 or five foot depending upon the size of the whelping box.
4. Kennels: I have tried many and they all seem to rust out. Of course the Cadillac of the kennels are Mason dog kennels. Very expensive. But I purchased mine from Ibarbranch. These kennels are the heaviest, toughest made I have seen. They use the same tubing as Mason, and make other premium exotic animal cages. The customer service has been really bad so far so I can't recommend them for the customer experience. Really quite bad customer service. Sad, as they have a top notch product from what I see so far.
5. Best puppy scale: I think I have an older version. But the digital scales are the best. Make certain it can switch to metric. Try:  
[http://www.amazon.com/ULTRASCALE-MBSC-55-Digital-Baby-Scale/dp/B0007P4BNA/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1344304644&sr=8-1&keywords=puppy+scale](http://www.amazon.com/ULTRASCALE-MBSC-55-Digital-Baby-Scale/dp/B0007P4BNA/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1344304644&sr=8-1&keywords=puppy+scale)