



I SHOULD LIKE MY BITCH TO BEAR PUPPIES

How old should she be before getting them?

Preferably, one should wait until the second heat i.e. about 10 to 14 months for small races and 18 to 24 months for large races.

On what day should the cover take place?

Between the 9th and 13th day, the bitch shall be covered twice at a 48 hrs interval.
Note

on a calendar the day of first wastes. A more exact method consists in checking that the steric rate of progesterone is sufficient. To that effect, a blood sampling shall be made, on appointment, in the morning of the 10th day. The cover shall take place on the same evening if the result is positive. (Laboratory fee : please call us).

Shoul I prefer artificial insemination to the natural one?

A.I. allows checking the semen; it shall be recommended each time that for one reason or another, the male cannot cover the female successfully. This is put in practice more and more currently, with both animals concerned present, if possible with their owners.

What precautions should I take?

Make a thorough recall of all vaccinations, if possible ten or so days before cover, in order to warrant the puppies an optimal immune reaction.

Vermifuge the bitch at this same time.

Do not increase the food rations during the first month of pregnancy.

When can the pregnancy be confirmed?

Between the 23rd and 28th day by abdominal palpation, after the 23rd by echo, after the 45th by X-Ray